Vermont State Grange
Program Book

JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027

CELEBRATING AMERICA

Theme: Celebrating America

VERMONT STATE MASTER'S REMARKS

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Another year approaches with this 2026-2027 Program Book and our new theme is CELEBRATING AMERICA

As I mentioned in the Green Mountain Granger, I am hoping the Directors and Chairpersons can incorporate a celebration of our nation's 250 years in their programming this year. May this year's program inspire and enhance the Grange experience. Be sure to carefully read and follow the requirements that have been laid out. We still have a way to go in regards to meeting deadlines, myself included! That said, I again wish you success in your work and hope you can Grow Your Grange!! Have a Wonderful Year!!

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DONATION SUMMARY

Donations must be received by department by May 31, 2027

AGRICULTURE/ENVIRONMENT DONATIONS

Heifer Project International

- Donation should be sent directly on or before May 31, 2027, to:
  - o Linda Sanderson, 326 Sanderson Road, Milton VT 05468
- Checks should be made payable to: Vermont State Grange Agriculture/Environment
- Please designate amounts for each project.

Other Agricultural Projects

- You may select other Agriculture related donations that appeal to your membership
- Mail directly to the entity and reported on your Agriculture/Environment report form.

EDUCATIONAL AID FUND

Donation to Educational Aid Fund

- Make Checks payable to Vermont Educational Aid Fund
- Donations should be sent directly on or before May 31, 2027:
  - o Janice Rousselle, 394 River Road, Colchester, VT 05446

GRANGE CENTER

Donation of $2 per member or as much as a Grange can give.

- Make your checks payable to Vermont State Grange, Inc with Grange Center on memo line.
- Donations should be sent directly on or before May 31, 2027:
  - o Beth Morse, 92 Happy Valley Rd, Middlebury, VT 05753

JUNIORS

Junior Goodwill Fund
Junior Camp Scholarship Fund

- Make your checks payable to Vermont State Grange Junior Department
- Write on the Memo line how much for each fund.
- Donations should be sent on or before May 31, 2027:
  - o Melody Falker, 72 Alfred Buck Ln, Pittsford, VT 05763

YOUTH

State Youth Leadership Fund

- Make your checks payable to Vermont State Grange
- Donations should be sent on or before May 31, 2027:
  - o Jessica Falker, 72 Alfred Buck Lane, Pittsford, VT 05763

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GRANGE CHECKLIST

Stay on track and keep your Grange healthy with this checklist

This checklist is designed to help keep deadlines in mind for submission of various reports.

Date Due	Activity	Date Done
7/01/26	**Record here the number of members in your Grange**	
7/6/26	**Lecturer, Family Activities/, Junior, National Community Service Notebook and State Report Notebook due.**	
7/10/26	**Quarterly Report Due – Submit in Duplicate - Always record new members name and address on the forms, any change of address, and any loss of a member with reason (death, moved, demit).**	
8/01/26	**Resolutions due to State Secretary**	
8/01/26	**Distinguished Grange materials due to National Grange**	
8/10/26	**Pomona annual report and dues due to State Secretary**	
9/01/26	**Schedule audit. Must be done yearly**	
	Election of Officers according to your Grange's Constitution/By- laws	
9/30/26	**Grange Fiscal Year ends.** **IRS Form 990-N to be filed between this date and 2/15/26**	
10/01/26	**State Convention paperwork due to State Secretary** Delegate names to State Secretary	
10/10/26	**Quarterly Report Due – Submit in Duplicate - Always record new members name and address on the forms, any change of address, and any loss of a member with reason (death, moved, demit).**	
Oct	**Auditing Complete?**	
Oct	**Resolutions reviewed with members so delegates ready for state session**	
Oct	**Plan your activities for the year**	
Oct	**Plan when to invite your Deputy. Contact them to schedule.**	
Oct	**Hold your corporation meeting and record minutes of this meeting.**	
Oct 23-24, 2026	**Delegates attend State Session (and report back to the Grange)**	
11/01/26	**Grange submitted Officers List to State Secretary by November 1st deadline**	

11/01/26	**Grange submitted updated Membership List to State Secretary by November 1st**	
11/01/26	**Officers bond premium due to State Secretary**	
1/01/27	**Due date for Granges who file biennial corporate reports to the Secretary of State in even-numbered years.**	
1/10/27	**Quarterly Report Due – Submit in Duplicate - Always record new members name and address on the forms, any change of address, and any loss of a member with reason (death, moved, demit).**	
2/01/27	**Corporation papers on file and up to date with the Secretary of State's office**	
2/15/27	**Deadline to have IRS tax form 990-N filed**	
4/10/27	**Quarterly Report Due – Submit in Duplicate - Always record new members name and address on the forms, any change of address, and any loss of a member with reason (death, moved, demit).**	
	April is Grange Month – Plan a special activity to promote your Grange	
7/1/2027	**Record here the number of members in your Grange. Increase or decrease???**	
7/10/27	**Quarterly Report Due – Submit in Duplicate - Always record new members name and address on the forms, any change of address, and any loss of a member with reason (death, moved, demit). Compare this number with your July 1, 2026, number. Did you gain or have a loss for the year?**	
	Report Notebooks Due Bring to Family Camp 2027 by Noon on Saturday	

DISTRIBUTION OF PROGRAM BOOKS

Each Grange will receive 3 copies of this Program Book before July 1, 2026. The design of this book is such ***that one book can be taken apart and distributed to the Lecturer and each department chair.*** Setup a planning session early in the Grange year to plan your Granges' activities and use the working copy for notes throughout the year on your projects as you use your "Celebrate America" theme for the betterment of your community. Committees need to work together as many activities for points overlap more than one committee. This book is also available on the Vermont State Grange website. Go to: vtstategrange.org.

SUBMITTING REPORTS

Vermont Grange introduced submitting reports of activities at the end of each program year. The report format referred to as 'scrapbooks' was introduced to provide each Grange with a way to collect their year of work into one notebook that could be used both as a Grange's record of the year's growth and accomplishments, but also as a book talking about each Community Grange. It is particularly important to report your Grange's activities to the state, but it is not a requirement to do a 'scrapbook', though it is strongly encouraged.

The report notebooks can be a valuable membership tool as they tell the Grange story in a very personal way and can document many accomplishments that could be forgotten over the years. The

adage that 'One picture is worth a thousand words' is so evident when there are pictures of the various Grange Activities recorded in the scrapbook. So, what are the 'rules' for submitting reports?
Due Date: All reports or scrapbook reports need to be mailed to the current Vermont State Master, so they arrive at Master's home before July 10th or be brought to the Vermont Grange Center by noon on Saturday of Family Camp Weekend 2027.

REPORT NOTEBOOKS

Suggested format for all Report Notebooks • Select a 3-ring style binder/notebook. Any color, size, or shape is acceptable.

- Use a notebook big enough to accommodate all your pages of pictures, etc.
- Be sure you put **the Name and number of Grange and Reporting** Year on the front of the Notebook. Additional decorations on the cover can make for a more attractive report Notebook.

Organization is very important!

- **The table of contents should be the next page and divide your notebook with tabbed sections.**
- The first section should be a **complete list of officers and committee chairs & members**. The Master and Secretary of every Grange should have this readily available as it is used at every Grange meeting when the Roll Call is done.
- The second section should be a **complete list of the members of the Grange**. Again, the Secretary of every Grange would have this as it is used when recording attendance at meetings or sending out notices of Grange meetings.
- The third section will be known as the **Chaplain's Page**. It should be dedicated in memory of any Grangers that have 'Passed to the Great Grange Above'. Provide the name of those Grangers. Supplement suggestions for this section would number of years' member was in Grange, pictures and a poem or prayer.
- The completed report form for each department or reporting entity would follow using dividers labeled for the various reports contained in the book. The dividers can be handmade or purchased.
- The completed report form for each department and reporting entity should be the first page of each section within the report book.
- **Provide proof in each section of what you did by providing copies of pertinent Grange minutes, pictures, newspaper clipping, write-ups of activities, projects, fund raisers, fun activities, etc.**
- Remember you are recording your history
- Fill in your points in the Points Earned column and Total where indicated.

Reviewing of Reports

- The completed report forms will be used by the Directors and Officers of the Grange to determine your Grange Seal Awards. Between Family Camp weekend and the annual State Session, the reports will be reviewed, and the scores will be tallied to see what Granges have earned a seal of accomplishment for the various departments within the Grange.
- **Be sure to report in your section all the activities of your Grange. The reviewer only looks at 'their section' so don't be afraid to let them know about ALL the activities your Grange has been doing.**
- Those Granges that go above and beyond the 80 points required for a seal for a specific activity or department will receive added recognition.
- Report notebooks will be on display at the annual State Session for all to view.
- Report notebooks will need to be picked up on the Saturday of the State Session.

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Grange Name and Number:

Section 1:	List of Officers and Committee Chairs and Members
Section 2:	List of all Members
Section 3:	Chaplain's Page
Section 4:	Agriculture/Environmental Report
Section 5:	Community Service Report, State
Section 6:	Educational Aid Fund Report
Section 7:	Fall Festival Report
Section 8:	Grange Center Report
Section 9:	Health and Wellness Report
Section 10:	Family Activities Report
Section 11:	Information Report
Section 12:	Junior Grange Report
Section 13:	Lecturer Report
Section 14:	Legislative Report
Section 15:	Membership Report
Section 16:	Youth Report

Provide proof in each section of what you did by providing copies of pertinent Grange minutes, pictures, newspaper clipping, write-ups of activities, projects, fund raisers, fun activities, etc.

Please use this as the first page of your notebook and use tabs to divide the rest of the sections.
This book can be used as a record of your Granges accomplishments and activities for 2026-2027.

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AGRICULTURE/ENVIRONMENT

Director: Linda Sanderson **326 Sanderson Road, Milton VT 05468**

Tel: 802-999-3510 **Email: vtlvs54@gmail.com**

MISSION STATEMENT: The Grange is an organization with deep ties to agriculture. Agriculture is the basis of our ritual work, and our organization has long been dedicated to its promotion and preservation. The environment we live in and the proper conservation and cultivation of it are critical to our survival. The goal of this committee is to foster a deeper appreciation for agriculture and the environment within our Community Granges and aid them in raising awareness and developing policies at the local, state, and national level.

1) Master should appoint an active Agriculture & Environment committee to develop and promote Community Grange activities at Grange meetings and in the community.
    a) This appointed Agriculture/Environment Committee shall develop a program that addresses one or more issues pertaining to agriculture (in your area). Vermont's agriculture and environment are changing every year in our state, making a variety of subjects for discussions and resolutions. From new environmental regulations and changes to land use taxation, to marketing new value-added products and recognizing global trade and local markets, there are plenty of new things for your Agriculture committees to talk about and inform your membership about.
2) If you're able, make financial donation(s) as directed by the interests of your Grange. Suggestions: Heifer Project International, your local school (seeds or produce). If you would rather send directly to the Organization, you will need to send proof, in order to get credit in your report.
3) As a State Grange Agriculture Project, we would like to support schools who have school gardens and/or Farm to School efforts that are beginning or established projects. Things you can do as a Subordinate Grange:
    a) Invite a teacher or food service director to the Grange to explain their project and how the Grange can help.
    b) Offer to support their school garden project with funding to establish raised beds, for seeds, tools, manure, watering equipment, and/or offering gardening experience.
    c) Offer to bring in some homegrown veggies, berries, or cheese samples for a taste testing event for a class or the whole school.
    d) Support a Community Harvest Dinner to help the school celebrate their efforts.
4) There is an effort to expand Farm to School/ Day Cares here in VT. We can do our part financially and legislatively. See website at: www.vtfarmtoschool.org for ideas and resources to guide you.
5) Agriculture/Environment donations (those listed) should be sent on or before May 31, 2027, to: Linda Sanderson, 326 Sanderson Road, Milton VT 05468
    - Checks should be made payable to: Vermont State Grange Agriculture/Environment
    - Please designate amounts for each project.
    - You may also select other Agriculture related donations that appeal to your membership.
6) Keep the State Agriculture/ Environment director & committee informed of your programs, as you develop and promote Community Grange activities. Invite them to your annual agricultural program. Effective communication, on all levels of Grange work, is key to success.
7) Develop at least one resolution related to agriculture and the environment. Resolutions through Grange are a fantastic way for your membership to express their concerns about agricultural issues in a unified voice to our legislators at the state and national level, as they look to make changes to agricultural policy. Check the GMG articles from the Ag Director for ideas and information.

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Resources for Programs and Policy

- VT Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets' Agriview found at www.Agriculture.Vermont.gov or call 802-828-5667
    - If you are a farmer or producer, you can get a free subscription in your mailbox monthly by calling 802-828-1619 or e-mail AGR.Agriview@vermont.gov
- VT Agriculture Community Calendar at http://agriculture.vermont.gov/events/month
- For more information on Vermont's Farm to School, go to the website: http://agriculture.vermont.gov/vermont_farm_to_school_program.
- **Find clever ideas at your local County Fairs this year.**
    - Check out fair/festival web pages for their premium list
    - Enter veggies and fruit, baked or canned goods, displays.
    - See Fall Festival pages in this program book for more information.
    - Join the fun and show off your produce! There are cash prizes at most fairs!
- Skimmed Milk is full of current, ever-changing dairy information. Find it at aginfo@farmjournal.com
- Environmental-

  Pick up the GREEN ENERGY TIMES, a free quarterly paper about Energy Independence, Energy Efficiency and Energy Sustainable Living and MORE! It can be found in convenience stores and some grocery store news racks that have 7 Days & local papers.
  Issues: January-March, April-June, July-September, & October-December

Pomona Project:

I'd like Pomona's to assist a local Day Care again this year. You can donate money, snacks, supplies, or vegetables. I am sure they will need help again this year with all the Government cuts in their funding.

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AGRICULTURE/ENVIRONMENT SUBORDINATE GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Grange Name & Number _____

Chairperson _____

Please report all activities related to this committee that your Grange has done. Use additional pages when necessary and pictures!

Did you complete this Agriculture/Environmental Report? **Yes** **No**

Did you donate to a Farm to School Program? **Yes** **No**

Did you have an Agriculture/Environment Program? **Yes** **No**

Important: Describe your Program. Please list date, topic, speaker, activities, music, and resources used to share ideas other Chairs might want to use in their Granges. Use a separate page to document this, if necessary.

Did you report on Agricultural or Environmental issues/topics at 6 meetings? **Yes** **No**

	Date of meeting	List Topics
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

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Did you write and submit a Resolution on Agriculture/Environment topic? **Yes** **No**
Attach copy**.**

Did you do a Community Service project that was Agriculture/Environment related, such as working in a community garden, school garden, offering fresh veggies to the local food shelf, building container gardens, having a speaker for a program and invite the public? **Yes** **No**

Important: Describe your Ag/Environment related Community Service project. Please share activities, time spent, and resources used in order that others may have the information to use in their Granges. Send a photo of your project with # of Grangers & non-Grangers participating.

PLEASE provide documentation & photos to earn your points.

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Agriculture/Environmental Report	
20pts	Present an Agriculture/Environment Program	
20pts	Donation of time, money, project or produce (include description) to a Farm to School Program	
10pts	Submit a Resolution on Agriculture/Environment topic	
10pts	Invite Pomona Agriculture/Environment Chairman to a meeting	
10pts	Reported at Meeting under Committee Reports (minimum 6 meetings)	
20pts	Community Service Project Agriculture/Environment related. Must include donation of local produce, (vegetables, fruits, dairy, eggs, etc.) Rake leaves for a neighbor?	
	Donations:	
10pts	School Project Name: Amount	
10pts	Heifer Project International Amount	
10pts	Other Agriculture Fund Name Amount	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

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POMONA GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Pomona Name & Number _____

Chairperson _____

How many Subordinate Granges in your Pomona? _____

How many Subordinate Granges participated in this activity? _____

How many Grangers participated in this activity? _____

How many non-Grangers participated in this activity? _____

How many members attended a VT State Ag or Enviro activity? #_____

(Maple open weekend, Dairy or Maple Festival, County Fairs, Field Days, Festivals, etc.)

What was the activity? _____

Did your Pomona complete this Agriculture/Environmental Report? **Yes** **No**

Did your Pomona donate to a Day Care? **Yes** **No**

Did you have an Agriculture/Environment Program? **Yes** **No**

Please report on ONE activity related to this committee that your Pomona Grange has done. Use additional pages when necessary and pictures!

Important: Describe your Program. Please list date, topic, speaker, activities, music, and resources used to share ideas other Chairs might want to use in their Granges. Use a separate page to document this, if necessary.

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What were the 4 Agricultural or Environmental issues/topics you reported?

Date of meeting List Topic

1.

2.

3.

4.

Please explain about your Day Care project.

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Agriculture/Environmental Report	
20pts	Present an Agriculture/Environment Program	
20pts	Donation of time, snacks, supplies, or vegetables (include description) to the Day Care Program	
20pts	Voted to passed on a Resolution on Agriculture/Environment topic	
10pts	Invite Sub. Agriculture/Environment Chairman to a meeting	
10pts	Reported at Meeting under Committee Reports (4 meetings)	
20pts	Community Service Project Agriculture/Environment related. Must include donation of local Ag produce: Fruit, vegetables, dairy products (photo)	
	Donations:	
20pts	Day Care Project Name: Amount	
20pts	Heifer Project International Amount	
20pts	Other Ag or Enviro Fund Name: (Agriculture or Environment) Amount	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Director: Deborah Ploof **3965 Crown Point Road, Bridport, VT 05734**

Tel: 802-989-3237 **Email: Deborah.ploof@outlook.com**

Welcome to the Community Service section of the program book. I look forward to reading your reports and what you have done for Community Service in your area of Vermont. Every Vermont community is different, and Grangers can WORK in Our Communities in many ways. National and State Grange do not dictate what community service projects you decide to do. That decision is up to your Grange. No two communities are exactly alike AND your community encompasses the entire area from which your Grange members come from, not just where the Grange Hall or meeting place is located. The role of the Community Service Chair Director at the state level is making suggestions and requesting documentation of efforts for recognition at the State and National levels.

Before starting any projects this year, please read through all the material carefully to understand the requirements. For Vermont to qualify to receive $250 in prize money from the National Grange, 25% of community Granges must submit a Community Service Reports. Please mail your notebook or report to me by July 10, 2027, to Community Service Director (see above) or deliver it to Family Camp 2027 by noon on Saturday.

The following are lists of Community Service projects suggested with resources.

NATIONAL GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

1) **Words for Thirds -** Dictionaries are purchased and given to all Third Graders in a school or schools. Every student deserves a dictionary to help them be more successful in life. They may be ordered online from
   i) www. dictionaryproject.org
   ii) by phone: 843-856-2706 or 843-388-8375
   iii) Email: wordpower@dictionaryproject.org.

2) **Volunteer Hours -** Everyone please remember to keep track of your volunteer hours. We all volunteer. Remember when you drove the neighbor to the doctor, or did you help with Green Up Day?
   i) **Members may record and submit that information to you via email, spreadsheet, etc. but must include date, what activity and where volunteering opportunity is performed, and number of hours.**
   ii) An award is given at State Session for the individual with the most hours. ○ Please note the name of the person with the most hours on your Grange's Report Form.

3) **Community Service Award**
   i) A Pomona or Subordinate Grange can award a Community Service award to any person, Granger or non-Granger, the members feel has served their community and impacted the lives of others. Contact State Grange Secretary to obtain Community Citizen Award Certificate. There is a fee for this.

4) **Quilts of Valor** - Website**:** www.qovf.org
   i) A Quilt of Valor (QOV) is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation. "To use the term Quilt of Valor, the quilt must be a specific size, must have a label with required information, it must be awarded (it is not a gift) and it must be recorded. If interested in this project, see their website.

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VERMONT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

1) **Sending Thoughtful Cards -** Write cards to Seniors in facilities and military personnel at holiday time, and it doesn't have to be just Christmas. Thanksgiving is a lonely time for shut ins. Don't put a name on the envelope but sign the card inside with your Grange Name.
   a) Check with facilities on number of residents and send cards at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, for example. Same with military.

2) **Empty Plate Project** - This gives Grangers an opportunity to help those less fortunate. Granges will collect non-perishable food items or have special fundraisers to help fill an imaginary EMPTY PLATE. Donated to Soup Kitchens, Shelters, Food Shelves, Neighbors, Food Baskets, or where there is a need. Food collected and donated should be reported in pounds or by item. Please complete section under Empty Plate of the Subordinate or Pomona report form.

3) **Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting – Many items can be made by our talented Grange members to donate. Here are a few suggestions. If you need patterns, let me know.**

Items	Where to donate
Comfort Pillows, **Adult Clothing** protectors, **lapghans, lap quilts, bed quilts**, **Wheelchair and Walker bags**, **Hats, Mittens, Scarves Socks**	**Hospice, hospitals, Senior Citizen Living, Rehab Centers, homeless shelters, nursing homes, veterans' homes, schools, military, just to name a few.**

4) Brainstorm with your Grange as to what Your community needs.
   a) Participate in your local fairs.
   b) Donate to local charities with money or volunteers.
   c) Open your hall for other non-profit organizations to meet.
   d) Support 4-H and FFA clubs in your area.

CELEBRATING AMERICA PROJECT

Host an open meeting or special event (open house) celebrating your community participation in America's 250th anniversary, Work with your Lecturer to have a patriotic program and also work with your information chairman to publicize the event and report on it afterwards. Highlight what the Grange has meant to America over the years.

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Judging of the* Community Service Annual Report Form a*t State level

Please review the following sections before putting your notebook together

- **Community Need** **30 points.**
  - How has the community been impacted by your project?
  - How many people benefited from your project?
  - How did you hear about this project?
  - Why did you choose this project?
  - Submit proof: Thank you letters, letters of acknowledgement from organizations, etc.
- **Program Plan** **10 points**
  - Describe how the plan was organized and by whom.
  - Describe how project was advertised. (Such as enlisting workers, work Schedule, financing, public meetings, etc.)
  - Submit proof: Flyers, newspaper ads, articles, etc.
  - How was the program financed? Where did funds come from to execute program?
- **Cooperation Achieved** **15 points.**
  - Describe who was involved (whether it was all Grangers or if you worked in cooperation with other organizations; be sure to discuss in detail the role of the other organizations involved and why you chose to work with this group.)
  - Be sure to give an accurate account of everyone involved.
  - Submit proof: photos, letters, etc.
- **Presentation of Final Report** **15 points**
  - Neatness – How well organized is your notebook, is it easy to follow along? Content – did you cover all the areas requested with enough details? Quality of pictures and publicity items submitted. Please be sure to include a table of contents at beginning of book and a write up for each project that is listed on the table of contents with photos, newspaper articles, advertisements, etc.
- **Activity Summary Report** **10 points**
  - Ensuring that your Activity Summary Report form is included in your notebook. **The more comprehensive the form is filled out the more points attained.**
  - Use Hints (below) as a reference for completing your book.
- **Overstuffing** **-10 points**
  - Filling your book with excessive photos for any of the events. (For example: cleaning ones' own Grange, repairs to same Grange are not considered Community Service.

HINT:

- Place the **Community Service Annual Report Form** as the first page of your notebook**.**
- Next – **Table of Contents**
- Next – **Information about your *Grange and the community you serve.***
- Next - For the rest of the book, please use labeled tab/dividers for each project and relate it back to **Table of Contents**.
- One section for each project should contain an explanation about the specifics on that project. **Copy Community Service Project Report Form as many times as necessary to document your projects.**
  - Limit pages to no more than 4 (front and back) for larger projects and 2 (front and back) for smaller projects
  - Include 2 or 3 photos that demonstrate members (non-members if applicable) participation and items collected. If it is a cleanup type of project before and after photos are great.
  - 1 or 2 Thank You cards/letters for an event.
  - Include any newspaper article or flyer about the event.
  - When holding a fundraiser dinner/event it is important to include where the monies were donated.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE
ANNUAL REPORT 2026-2027

Grange Name and Number _____

City, County and State _____

Chairperson's Name _____

Signature of Chairperson _____

Master's Name _____

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Tab	
1	History/Information of Grange and Community
2	Summary of Each Community Service Projects

Place each completed Community Service Project Report Form with supporting documentation under a new numbered tab, so it is easily accessible.

Provide Title of Project below.

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Community Service Project Report Form

Name of Project _____

Purpose _____

Participation: How many Grange members _____ non-Grange members _____

Estimate of Hours Spent planning and Executing Project _____

Type of project: [ ] New [ ] On-going (Done yearly) [ ] Joint Projects

For each of your Community Service Projects explain the Community Need, Program Plan, Cooperation from other Organizations.
How money for project raised.
Who benefited from project including numbers if applicable
Make copies of this page and use extra pages as necessary for each project.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE
SUBORDINATE GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Grange Name & Number _____

Community Service Chair _____

Number of Grange Members _____

Total Community Service Hours Grangers volunteered for this Grange **_____ hours**

Attach documentation for each member with totals hours noted.

Name of person who volunteered the greatest number of hours.

Name _____ ____ _____hours

Did you participate in the "Words for Thirds" Project? **Yes / No**

- If yes, total number of students and teachers were served? _____
- Name of schools:

Did you write a Resolution? **Yes / No**

If you wrote a Resolution, please include a copy with this report.

Did you honor a community citizen and present a Community Service Award? **Yes / No**

Please complete a Project Report Form explaining your project,

Did you participate in an Empty Plate project? **Yes / No**

- Please complete a Project Report Form explaining your project.

Did you have a Celebrate America project? **Yes / No**

- Please complete a Project Report Form explaining your project.

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Did you provide an update on Community Service projects
during Committee reports at 6 meetings? **Yes / No**

Date of meeting Project updates

1.

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5.

6.

PLEASE provide documentation to earn your points.

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
20pts	Write and submit a Resolution	
20pts	Dictionary “Word for Thirds” Project*	
20pts	Report Volunteer Hours	
20pts	Present Community Service Award	
20pts	For **each** Community Service Project Report Form Completed for projects	
10pts	Write Cards to Seniors or Military Personnel (Minimum 20)*	
TBD pts	Did you do a local Community Service Project? * The director will assign points after reading your Community Service Reports and add points for Celebrate America project and outstanding projects.	
20pt	Invite Pomona Community Service Chairman to a meeting	
20pt	Invite Vermont State Community Service Director to your meeting	
20pt	Report under Committee Reports at minimum of 6 meetings	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

***Complete Community Service Project Report Form Explaining Project**

Theme: Celebrating America

COMMUNITY SERVICE
POMONA GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Pomona name and Number: _____

Name of Chairperson: _____

Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.

How many Subordinate Granges are in your Pomona? _____

Did you contact the Community Service Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about their Community Service Projects, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Community Service Chair did the program? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

Subordinate Grange Invite	Attended	Date	Activity

A few sentences of what was reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

	Date	Topic
1		
2		
3		
4		

Theme: Celebrating America

Did you have a Community Service program for your Pomona. YES or NO

Please write a short paragraph outlining your topic and activities associated with it.

Did you submit at least one resolution on a Community Service topic? YES or NO
Attach copy.

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Community Service Report	
20pts	Points for **each** Subordinate Visit	
20pts	Submit a Resolution at Pomona level on Community Service topic	
40pts	Community Service Project involving at least 2 subordinate Granges. Please describe above or complete Project Form.	
30pts	Reported at Pomona Meeting (minimum 4 meetings)	
20pts	Present a Community Service Program on a topic of interest	
20pts	Invite Vermont State Community Service Director to your meeting	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

Theme: Celebrating America

EDUCATIONAL AID FUND

Jillian Dean

PO Box 1041
White River Jct., VT 05001

Tele: 802-299-8441

Scholarships Available for Granger Members and Non-Members through VSAC

There are four scholarships that anyone can apply for:

- Vermont State Grange Agricultural Scholarship
  - This scholarship was created to encourage VT students to enter the field of agriculture.
- Alice Cossingham-Nursing Studies
  - This scholarship was created to encourage VT students to enter the field of nursing.
- Vermont State Grange Educational Aid Fund
  - This scholarship was created to assist students with obtaining their associate or bachelor's degrees.
- Vermont State Grange Vocational/Technical Scholarship
  - This scholarship was created to assist students with obtaining a vocational or technical education.

More Information about scholarships is available through Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC)

- Mail: PO Box 2000 10 East Allen Street Winooski, VT 05404
- Call: (802) 654-3798 or (888) 253-4819 toll free
- Website: http://www.vsac.org

Scholarships Available for Grange Members Only

There are two scholarships for Grange members only:

- Educational Aid-Vocational/Technical/Certified Training
  - Any Vermont Grange member in good standing attending a vocational/technical school or certified training program.
- Educational Aid-General Studies
  - Any Vermont Grange member in good standing attending an accredited school.

Low Interest Loans

Who is eligible?

- Grange members who desire to continue their education in any form, whether in a degree granting program or non-degree courses.
- For information contact the person at the address below and include the following information:
  - Name
  - Grange name & number
  - Mailing address
  - Telephone number.
  - E-mail (optional)

To Obtain Information on Loans and /or Make a Donation

Donations from Granges or individuals are welcomed.

- Make Checks payable to the Vermont Educational Aid Fund.
- Send all requests for information and/or donations to:

  Janice Rousselle
  394 River Road
  Colchester, VT 05446

Grants Available for Grange Members

- Quarterly Grants of $100 for members who wish to upgrade education of a hobby or craft (total of 15 awarded each year)
- Application on next page and at www.vtstategrange.org

FARM 2+2 Program

The Vermont State Grange Executive Committee has voted to have the Educational Aid Fund donate annually to the FARM 2+2 Program. We are happy to do this but want to explain a little about the program.

The 2+2 program assists a student taking a four-year agricultural course. They would go to Vermont Tech for two years and then on to UVM for another 2 years. A small part of that program includes one semester at the Miner Institute in eastern New York.

Students study agronomy, nutrition, plant & soil science, cattle evaluation, and many other agricultural subjects. The Vermont legislature votes on a budget to support this program, but nowhere near covers the expenses. The Educational Aid Fund will donate annually to this.

This program is open to ALL people. For more information or to apply, please contact Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, 116 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620
www.agriculture.vermont.gov

Please report all activities related to this committee that your Grange has done.
Use additional pages when necessary and pictures!

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

EDUCATIONAL AID FUND
SUBORDINATE GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Grange Name & Number: _____

Master: _____

Please explain how your Grange promoted scholarships, loans, and/or grants available from the Education Aid Funds at your Grange:

Does your Grange fully support an Educational Scholarship?
Specify fund and amount:

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
60pts	Donation of $10 or more to Educational Aid Fund	
60pts	Any Grange that fully funds a scholarship	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

EDUCATIONAL AID FUND
POMONA GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Grange Name & Number: _____

Master: _____

Please explain how your Grange promoted scholarships, loans, and/or grants available from the Education Aid Funds at your Grange:

Does your Grange fully support an Educational Scholarship?
Specify fund and amount:

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
60pts	Donation of $10 or more to Educational Aid Fund	
60pts	Any Grange that fully funds a scholarship	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

Vermont State Grange Educational Aid Fund Grant Application

_____Vt. _____ Date _____

I, _____, being a member

of _____Grange No._____ do hereby make application for

an Educational Aid Fund Grant of _____ (Maximum of $100.00) to be

used for the following:

_____

_____

_____

_____

Signature of Applicant: _____Address: _____

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

This is to certify that _____ is a member of

_____Grange No_____ in good standing.

(Seal of Grange)
If Available

_____
Grange Secretary Signature

_____
Grange Secretary Printed Name

Approved by	Date	Approved by	Date	Approved by	Date

Please Submit this application with proof of registration

Office Use Only
Check No. _____
Issued Date: _____

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

Vermont State Grange Educational Aid Fund

Scholarship Application

_____Vt. _____ Date _____

I_____ age _____ being a member of

_____Grange No._____ do hereby make application for indicated scholarship to be used by me in securing an education

at _____School _____ College

I will be a member of the Class of _____ or receive my certificate of completion on _____

_____
Signature of Applicant

This is to certify that _____ is a member of

_____Grange No_____ in good standing.

(Seal of Grange)
If Available

_____Secretary
Signature

_____
Printed Name

Please include all required documents for the selected scholarship you are applying for and mail to:
Janice M Rousselle, 394 River Road, Colchester, VT 05446

Educational Aid Fund Scholarship

Who is eligible?
Any Vermont Grange member in good standing attending an accredited school.

How much is the award?
$1,500 ($750 each semester)

How they are awarded.
Awards are based on financial need, Academic Achievement, and Community Service.

Documents to be included with application
Cover letter from applicant.
Two letters of recommendation (one from Grange and One from Community) general essay, official transcript.

Vocational/Technical Certified Training

Who is eligible?
Any Vermont Grange member in good standing attending a vocational/technical school or certified training program.

How much is the award?
$1000 ($500 each Semester)

How they are awarded
Demonstrate Academic Achievement or Career Objectives, Financial Need, and Community Service.

Documents to be included with application
Cover letter from applicant.
Two letters of recommendation (one from Grange and one from Community), general essay, official transcript or Proof of enrollment.

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

FALL FESTIVAL 2026

Chairman: Beth Morse **92 Happy Valley Rd**
Middlebury, VT 05753

Tele: (802)388-2653 **Email: morbe8@live.com**

The Fall Festival Committee extends a cordial invitation to all Grangers and non-Grangers to exhibit at the festival. It is our pleasure to present the opportunity for all to showcase the quality products they have produced. Thank you for sharing your work with us. For more information, please read the following guidelines:

- We highly encourage you to pre-register your items by August 26th, send a copy of your entry form to Beth Morse 92 Happy Valley Rd Middlebury, VT 05753 or morbe8@live.com. This is to ensure a smoother process.
- All entries will be accepted starting at 5pm on Friday of the Festival and no later than 9:00 am on Saturday. If you have not pre-registered your items that is ok, we will still except them.
- Exhibitors of all ages are welcome and do not need to be Grangers.
- All entries must be created, grown, or prepared by the person entering within the 12 months prior to the 2026 Festival.
- A complete entry form **must** accompany all items displayed. Items will not be accepted without an entry form. Indicate on the form if the item is or isn't to be donated to the auction.
- Items are entered for display at your own risk. All items not for auction must be picked up by 5:00 pm on Saturday. The festival committee will not be responsible for items and ribbons not picked up.
- Judging will start at 10:00 am on Saturday. All exhibits are closed to the public during this time.
- Paper plates (unless otherwise indicated) will be provided for entries and your entry number will be assigned at check-in.
- By entering items for judging, you agree that the Fall Festival Committee can photographically and/or electronically document any item entered for use in publications, publicity material or purposes deemed necessary to the Fall Festival operations.

Divisions:

- Juniors I (ages 5 – 7) Be sure to mark Junior entries as these will be judged separately.
- Juniors II (ages 8 – 10) Be sure to mark Junior entries as these will be judged separately.
- Juniors III (ages 11 – 14) Be sure to mark Junior entries as these will be judged separately.
- Youth (14 – 21) Be sure to mark Youth entries as these will be judged separately.
- Young Adult (22 – 30)
- Grangers/Adult (31 – 59)
- Senior (age 60 & up)

Prizes:

- Awards are based on the person with the largest number of blue ribbons. Red ribbons will be considered in case of a tie.

    - $25.00 to Junior (one prize for each Junior Division). Group entries will be disqualified.
    - $25.00 to Youth/Young Adult (one prize for each Youth/Young Adult Division).
    - $25.00 to Grangers/Adult
    - $25.00 to Senior (age 60 & up)

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

Category A – Vegetables

- Be sure to have the correct number of vegetables in each lot.
- Please label varieties of all vegetables, tomatoes, and fruits

Asparagus – 5	Celery – 1 bunch	Leeks – 3	Potatoes – 5
Beans – 12	Celeriac – 1	Lettuce, Head - 1	Pumpkin – 1
Beets – 3	Corn – 3 ears	Lettuce, Leaf – 1 plant	Radishes – 5
Broccoli – 1 head	Cucumbers – 3	Onions – 3	Squash, summer - 3
Brussels sprouts – 1 pint	Eggplant – 1	Parsnips – 3	Squash, winter - 1
Cabbage – 1 head	Garlic - 3	Peas – 12	Tomatoes – Cherry/Grape – 12
Carrots – 5	Kale – 1 bunch	Peppers, Sweet – 3	Tomatoes – Roma/Eating – 5
Cauliflower – 1 head	Kohlrabi – 1	Peppers, hot – 3	Turnips - 5

Category B – Fruit

- Be sure to have the correct number of Fruits in each lot.
- Please label varieties of all vegetables, tomatoes, and fruits

Apples – 5	Cherries – 8	Melons (Ex. Watermelon/Cantaloupe) - 1
Apricots – 5	Grapes – 2 bunches	Pears – 5
Berries (Ex. Blue, Black, Raspberry & Strawberry) – ½ pt		Plums – 5

Category C – Canning

- Only standard canning jars permitted. No cloth decorations on jars. The jar must be sealed with a jar ring left on it.
- No artificial color or preservative can be used. All entries must be preserved during the 12 months prior to the 2026 Festival and must be preserved by the exhibitor.
- **Each jar must be accompanied by a file card with the recipe used, processing time and processing procedure.**
- All entries must be properly sealed and processed according to USDA recommendations for that product.
- Entries will be judged on appearance, packaging, & cleanliness of containers.

Fruits	Juices	Preserves/Marmalades	Chutney	Mincemeat	Salsas
Pickles	Vegetables	Jellies/Jams	Soup/Stew	Meats	

Category D – Flowers

Class 1 – Cut Flowers

The specimens of Cut Flowers will be judged for the following:

- Good quality blooms.
- Appropriate length and size of stem.
- Good quality foliage.
- Size, form, and appropriate number of flowers, according to Lot # Guidelines.

Perennials		
Chrysanthemum – 5 stems	Delphinium – 3	Phlox – 3 stems
Dahlia – 1	Gladiolus – 1	Rose – 1 Stem
Daisy - 5	Lily – 1 stem	Other – 3 stems
Daylily – 1		
Annuals		
Aster – 6	Dianthus – 12 stems	Petunia – 6 stems
Bachelor's Button – 6	Everlasting Flower – 6 stems	Salvia – 6
Bells of Ireland – 3	Gaillardia – 6	Snapdragons – 6
Calendula – 3 stems	Marigold – 6 stems	Sweet Peas – 12 stems
Celosia – 3 Stems	Nasturtium – 6	Verbena – 6 stems
Cleome – 6 stems	Pansy – 12 stems	Zinnia – 6 stems
Cosmos – 6 stems		

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Class 2 – Potted Plants

Container Plants will be judged for the following:

- Abundance of blooms and quality of color.
- Good quality foliage and- color.
- Health of Plant

African Violet – 1 plant	Cactus – 1 plant	Fern – 1 plant	Fuchsia – 1 plant	Mixed Planter – 3 to 5 plants
Begonia – 1 plant	Coleus – 1 plant	Flowering – 1 plant	Geranium – 1 plant	Succulents – 1 plant
Bulb – 1 plant	Vines (any type) – 1 plant	Foliage – 1 plant	Philodendron – 1 plant	Trailing Plant – 1 plant

Class 3 – Herbs, Edible Flowers

1. Herb Theme Garden – Collection of related herbs grown in one container at least 3 in container or grown in an individual pot grouping. (i.e., spaghetti sauce garden, salsa garden, Medicinal). Label the varieties.
2. Herb Collection – Best Display of at least five different kinds of herbs normally used to flavor foods (at least one bunch each in individual vases of water) Label with a sign.

Category E – Culinary

Rules:

1. All foods must be “MADE FROM SCRATCH". No boxed mixes of any kind including cake mixes, pie crusts, etc. will be accepted in any category.
2. EVERY entry must include a LEGIBLE recipe, written or printed on PLAIN paper or PLAIN cardstock; these will become the property of the Fall Festival Committee. Pies must include recipes for both crust and filling. Cakes must include recipe for both cake and frosting.
3. Please use disposable plates or pans if the item is being donated to the auction. The Fall Festival and Grange Center Committees will not be responsible for plates or pans.

Classes 1 through 6		
1. Raised Breads – 4	**2. Quick Breads – 4 slices**	**3. Cakes (≤ 10 in in diameter) - 1**
4. Cookies - 4	**5. Pies/Tarts - 1**	**6. Candies - 5**

Category F – Arts & Crafts

Rules:

1. All entries must be made by the exhibitor during the 12 months prior to the 2024 Festival.
2. Each exhibitor may enter only one item per class or sub-class (for Classes 1 – 4) for judging.
3. All quilts must have dimensions listed on tags.
4. Wearables must have size on tag.
5. All items must be individually tagged with provided tags and attached to item by safety pin or string.

Classes – 1 through 20

1. Knitting	2. Crochet	3. Sewing	4. Quilts
A. Garments	A. Garments	A. Garments	A. Garments
B. Infant Items	B. Infant Items	B. Infant Items	B. Infant Items
C. Accessories	C. Accessories	C. Accessories	C. Accessories
D. Home Décor	D. Home Decor	D. Home Décor	D. Home Décor
5. Basket Weaving	6. Candle Making	7. Decoupage	8. Dolls/Miniatures/Puppetry
9. Embroidery	10. Felting	11. Jewelry Making	12. Lace Making
13. Leatherwork	14.Metal Working	15. Mosaics	16. Paper Crafts
17. Rugs - *No larger than 40”X24”	18. Soap Making	19. Stained Glass/ Glass Blowing	20. Woodburning/ Carving/Working

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Category G – Art Gallery

- The Art Gallery is open to all artists interested in showing ceramics, drawings, paintings & photographs. Two works per artist if space allows.
- All paintings, drawings and photographs must be ready for hanging & must have the artist's name, title of work and category on the back. Matted and framed but no glass.
- Canvas paintings do not need to be framed but must be ready to hang.
- Works are judged based on artistic merit, including originality, composition, technique & mastery of the medium.
- The Fall Festival Committee reserves the right to disqualify & remove entries deemed to be in poor taste or not family friendly at their sole discretion.

Photography	Painting	Drawing	Ceramics/Pottery

Class H - Fair Booth Exhibit:

- A card table size exhibit to display at Fall Festival. Bring your own card table (there is a limited supply available at the Grange Center).
  - Theme: **Celebrating America**
  - With a few changes, your local fair booth exhibit can easily be changed to the theme.
  - Be sure the theme appears somewhere in your exhibit.
  - Prizes - First Place: $15.00; Second place $10.00; Third place $5.00.

Judging Criteria

Scoring on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the best	Score
An exhibit has 30 seconds to attract someone's attention. Scored on how well this is done.	
An exhibit has another 30 seconds to keep their attention. Scored on how well this is done.	
Exhibits should be colorful and attractive, yet simple and uncluttered. Scored on how well this is done	
Is the theme of: **Celebrating America** on the exhibit and was it demonstrated? Scored on how well this is done	
TOTAL	

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

FALL FESTIVAL 2026
SUBORDINATE or POMONA GRANGE REPORT

Grange Name and Number _____

Master _____

Chairperson _____

Please report all activities related to this committee that your Grange has done.
Use additional pages when necessary and pictures!

Include Additional Information and pictures (on extra page or on back of this form)

List Grange Members attending Fall Festival:

List member and number of entries in contests

Attach Picture of Card Table Exhibit

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
10pts	Members Attending Fall Festival (10 pts per Member)	
10pts	Members entering contests (10 pts per person)	
40pts	Card table exhibit	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		
POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
10pts	Members helping run a game/contest (10 pts per person)	
50pts	Pomona Card table exhibit	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

Fall Festival Entry Form

(To be completed by exhibitor before entries are accepted)

Name _____ Grange Name & No. _____

Grange Member? [ ] Yes [ ] No (Non-grange members may enter but must be sponsored by a Grange) Sponsoring Grange Name & No.

_____

Division:

[ ] Junior I (5-8 yrs.) [ ] Junior II (8-10 yrs.) [ ] Junior III (11-14 yrs.)
[ ] Youth (14-21 yrs.) [ ] Young Adult (22-35 yrs.)
[ ] Adult (36-59 yrs.) [ ] Senior (60 ≥ yrs.)

Do you want your ribbons? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Category/Class from Premium List			Description	To be Auctioned off?	Award Earned
	Category/Class	Name			
Example		Fresh Flower Arrangement	Example of entry – Wildflowers	Yes	
1				No Yes	**B R Y**
2				No Yes	**B R Y**
3				No Yes	**B R Y**
4				No Yes	**B R Y**
5				No Yes	**B R Y**
6				No Yes	**B R Y**
7				No Yes	**B R Y**
8				No Yes	**B R Y**
9				No Yes	**B R Y**
10				No Yes	**B R Y**
11				No Yes	**B R Y**
12				No Yes	**B R Y**
13				No Yes	**B R Y**
14				No Yes	**B R Y**
15				No Yes	**B R Y**

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Director: Linda Sanderson
326 Sanderson Road
Milton, VT 05468
Tele: 802-999-3510
Email: vtlvs54@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The Family Activities Committee's goal is to help build a stronger community by working with other organizations on joint community service projects. By assisting others on projects needed in the Community that help others with their comfort whether physical or emotional. Donate your time or make something for another organization (hospital, nursing home, day care center, etc.) that needs the "special something" (adult clothing protectors, games)?

2026-2027 NORTHEAST NEEDLEWORK CONTEST

The 2026-2027 brochure will be handed out at State Session and will be on the Vermont State Grange website.

Bring your entries to Family Camp 2027 by NOON Saturday. They will be judged after Family Camp.

VERMONT CONTESTS

COOKING CONTEST 2026-2027

The State Family Activities Committee has chosen two items for this year. You can only enter one of the cooking entries, Squash Rolls or no-bake cookies (no peanut butter or nuts). Place 6 rolls or 6 cookies on a paper plate for judging at Family camp in 2027.

- Include your recipe!
- Anyone who wishes can enter the State contest by bringing it Saturday (by NOON) to Family Camp in July 2027 or whenever it is announced.

It's okay for Subordinate & Pomona Grange's to hold a contest, but anyone can bring their cooking entry to be judged at the state level, that is held at Family Camp in 2027/

COOKING CONTEST JUDGING CRITERIA

Flavor	40 points
Appearance	30 points
Texture	20 points
Easy preparation	10 points

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

Vermont Family Activities Contests

The following classes are open to anyone. Non-members will need a Grange Sponsor, Name and Number written on the entry form. Bring your entries to Family Camp 2027 by NOON Saturday, I will try to have them judged by August 1st.

PLEASE DO YOU BEST WORK AS THE JUDGES HAVE THE RIGHT TO NOT ACCEPT IT.

YOU CAN ONLY ENTER ONE ARTICLE IN A CLASS, AND ONLY ENTER THROUGH ONE GRANGE

Class Z **Mason Jar—**using a pint size jar, decorate it for Fall or Christmas. Use any materials, size 10X10X10 inches. YOU WILL NOT GET THIS BACK AS THIS CRAFT WILL BE DONATED TO THE NEW ENGLAND GRANGE BUILDING STORE.

Class Y **Calendar Photo(s) - m**ake something out of at least 2 photos. Min. 4X4X4; Max. 12X12X12 inches. What I am thinking is folding the photos into some shape. You just can't add a frame to a photo unless it's a collage picture NO GLASS

Class X **250th Craft—**something that is Red, White, and Blue using any materials for our Country's 250th celebration. No glass and no larger than 12x12x12. If it's to be hung, please frame it (no glass)

Class W Your choice of a craft using **cinnamon sticks**. Min. 3"—Max. 8"

Class V A **sewn Christmas ornament**, and decorate it if you like. Max 8X8X8"

Class U **Woodworking,** your choice of project using wood. Max.10X10X10

Class T **Popsicle sticks,** using popsicles sticks make whatever you want and decorate it. Max. 10X10X10

JUDGING CRITERIA

Workmanship & size	30 points
General appearance	20 points
Harmony of Color	10 points
Selection of design & Degree of Difficulty	20 points
Material & articles are suitable to purpose	20 points

Prizes & Ribbons for Vermont Contest only are First, Second, Third

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

2026-2027 Family Activities Entry Form
Attach this form to the project.
Put your mailing address on the back of this form.

Name

Phone

Email

Grange & Number

Class Age

Description

2026-2027 Family Activities Entry Form
Attach this form to the project.
Put your mailing address on the back of this form.

Name

Phone

Email

Grange & Number

Class Age

Description

2026-2027 Family Activities Entry Form
Attach this form to the project.
Put your mailing address on the back of this form.

Name

Phone

Email

Grange & Number

Class Age

Description

2026-2027 Family Activities Entry Form
Attach this form to the project.
Put your mailing address on the back of this form.

Name

Phone

Email

Grange & Number

Class Age

Description

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES
SUBORDINATE GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Grange Name & Number_____

Chairperson _____

Please report on all activities related to this committee that your Grange has done.
Use additional pages when necessary and pictures!

How many people entered the Cooking Contest?

How many people entered the Vermont Contests?

Donation of Craft items for the New England Grange Building at Big E. Please list items and number below.

Did you have a Family Activities Program? **Yes/No**

Important: Describe your Program. Please list date, topic, speaker, activities, music, and resources Used to share ideas other Chairs might want to use in their Granges**.** Use extra pages as necessary.

Describe the Community Service project your Grange did with another Organization:

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

Did you report on Family Activities topics at 6 meetings? **YES / NO**

Date of meeting List Topics

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT		Points Earned
30pts	Submit completed report in notebook	
30pts	Present a Family Activities Program-explain your program	
15pts	For total number of entries in Vermont contests sent to Family Camp	
20pts	For total number of entries in cooking contest from your Subordinate	
20pts	For total number of donated crafts sent to New England Grange building	
20pts	Reported at Meetings (minimum 6 meetings)	
10pts	Invite Pomona Family Activities Chairman to a meeting	
10pts	Invite Vermont State Family Activities Director to a meeting	
25pts	Community Service Project – Helping another organization	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

FAMILY ACTIVITIES
POMONA GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Name of Chairperson: _____

Pomona name: _____

Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.

How many Subordinate Granges in your Pomona? _____

Did you contact the Family Activities Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about Family Activities program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on a separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Family Activities Chair did the program? Were you invited? Where did you go? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

Subordinate Grange Invite	Attended	Date	Activity

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

A few sentences of what you reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date Topic

1

2

3

4

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Submit completed report in notebook	
30pts	Present a Family Activities Program-explain your program	
40pts	Contact Subordinate Family Activities Chairs – provide proof of contact with chairs (copy of letters, emails, etc.)	
20pts	Required 4 Meeting reports-explain each report in a few sentences (total pts.)	
30pts	Your Pomona's Community Service Project-explain project	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

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GRANGE CENTER

Board Chair: Eunice Crowell **432 Tunnel St., Apt. 6**
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Tele: 802-375-5404 **Email: eccrowell76@gmail.com**

Website: vtgrangecenter.org

The Vermont State Grange Center, located at 308 West Street in Brookfield, 802-276-2156, is your property. It is managed by the Grange Center Board of Directors that consists of two members elected from each Pomona Grange, the State Master, and a member of the Executive Committee. A chairman is elected at the first Board meeting of the year which is convened by the State Master immediately after the close of the State Grange Session. The Board then elects a Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Property Manager.

The Board is responsible for routine management and maintenance, scheduling major repairs and renovations, fund raising and renting out the facility. Fund raising is essential, and some of our most successful events include sponsoring coffee breaks at Interstate Rest Areas. These are events in which all Grangers can assist either by providing baked goods or funds for supplies, or by volunteering to man the booths. If anyone has innovative ideas on fundraising, please contact one of the Board members.

Other funding includes donations from individuals or from Granges. We ask Granges to contribute $2 per member or as much as they can give. We are asking each Subordinate Grange and Pomona Grange to do a Fund Raiser for the Grange Center. The Grange Center is used by the State Grange and its various Departments, at a reduced rate, for many functions including Junior Camp, Family Camp Weekend, Fall Festival, meetings, etc. The Board holds two Spring Clean-Up Weekends, usually in May, and sleep overs during these weekends are possible. Come and make a full day of activity on Saturday and spend the night. If you work, we'll feed you.

The Center is available for rental during the week (as well as during free weekends not otherwise committed to Grange functions) for wedding receptions, family reunions, office retreats and the like. The facility includes the Winter Building, an 8-room mansion that can sleep 18; the Butler Building with full kitchen, dining hall and performance area with stage; four bunkhouses (cabins) that can accommodate 96 campers; and the Nurse's Cabin. There are also several hookups for recreational vehicles. Please email Jessica Falker at jjem1999@yahoo.com or call Beth Morse at 802-388-2653.

The Center Board looks forward to seeing as many Grangers as possible during functions coming up in the next year- remember, the Center belongs to YOU, as individual Grangers, and you can have input into its use and management through your Center Board representatives. Thank you to all who participate in the Grange events at the Center. You are all greatly appreciated.

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2026 Grange Center Schedule

May	June	July	August	September
Clean-Up Weekend 8, 9, & 10, Clean-Up Weekend 15, 16 & 17		Family Camp 10, 11 & 12 Jr/Youth Camp 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17		Fall Festival 11, 12 & 13 VSG Youth Day 13 VSG Sixth Degree Conferral 19

2027 Grange Center Schedule

May	July	September	October
Clean-Up Weekend 14, 15 & 16 Clean-Up Weekend 21, 22, & 23	Family Camp July 9, 10 & 11 Jr/Youth Camp 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	Fall Festival 10, 11 & 12 VSG Youth Day 12	State Session TBD

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GRANGE CENTER
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Grange Name & Number _____

Chairperson _____

Please list your Pomona Board members representing your Grange. Every Pomona has two Board members.

_____

_____

Did you donate to the Grange Center? **YES / NO**

Number of Members _____ Amount of Donation _____

Did members attend a Grange Center Event? **YES / NO**

Please list names and dates here or on separate pages:

Did your Grange or Grange members donate food, money, or volunteer for at least 4 hours at a Rest Stop? **YES / NO**

Tell us about the date(s) and what kind of donation.

Did your Grange receive update from Grange Center with minutes of Grange Center Board meetings? **YES / NO**

If yes, Dates of meetings and time received.

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Were Grange Center Activities reported at minimum of 4 meetings? **YES / NO**

Date of meeting List Topics

1.

2.

3.

4.

Did your Subordinate Grange do a Fund Raiser for the Grange Center? **YES/NO**
Please Describe

You need to provide evidence to earn your points.

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT		Points Earned
30pts	Complete this Report and submit	
50pts	Donation to Grange Center $2 per member	
10pts	Attendance at Grange Center Events (Be sure to sign in)	
25pts	Donation of food or money for Rest Area (Be sure to sign in) counted by Grange	
20pts	Reported under Committee Reports about activities at Grange Center	
20pts	Volunteering for at least 4 hours at a Rest Area (each person)	
20pts	Did your Grange do a Fund Raiser for the Grange Center	
	Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal	

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GRANGE CENTER
POMONA GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Pomona Grange Name & Number _____

Pomona Board Members: _____

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Pomona Grange Center Board members are elected by each Pomona and serve on the Vermont State Grange Center Board and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.

How many Subordinate Granges are in your Pomona? _____

Did you as board member, contact the Master of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about the Grange Center? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you send out a copy of approved Grange Center minutes within 2 weeks of meeting of Center Board to the Pomona Master and all Subordinate Masters? **YES / NO**

Document emails below and give brief descriptions of the Grange activities reported on.

Subordinate Grange	Attended	Date	Activity

A few sentences of what was reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

	Date	Topic
1		
2		
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Did members attend a work weekend? **YES/NO**

Please list names and dates here or on separate page:

Did your Pomona Grange donate food/money for a Rest Stop? **YES / NO**

Tell us about the date and what kind of donation.

Did your Pomona do a Fund Raiser for the Grange Center? **YES/NO**

Please describe

You need to provide evidence to earn your points.

POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT		Points Earned
30pts	Complete this Report and submit	
25pts	Donation of food or money for Rest Area (Be sure to sign in)	
20pts	Grange Center Fund Raiser	
20pts	Email or mail Grange Center Board minutes out to all Subordinate Master/Grange Center Chairs and the Pomona Master within 14 days of board meeting	
20pts	Report Grange Center Activities under Committee Reports at Pomona meetings	
20pts	Attend Grange Center Board meetings	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal		

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Director: Alice Daley

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Essex Junction, VT 05452

Tel: 802-999-7025

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The goal for this program is to work with the other departments in the Grange and with people in our communities to educate them about health issues.
Feeding the hungry is a Grange project to collect food for your local Food Shelf. See Community Service "Empty Plate" project.

Duties of Subordinate/Community Health & Wellness Chair

- Work with the Master and Lecturer to present a health program relevant to your Grange
- Report at every meeting about a Health and Wellness topic.
- Contact another subordinate grange and offer to help - maybe plan a joint meeting
- Visit another Subordinate Grange in person or via Zoom

Duties of Pomona Health & Wellness Chair

- Report at every Pomona meeting about a Health and Wellness topic
- Contact every Subordinate Grange in your Pomona and communicate with them that you are available to help - plan to attend a meeting.
- Attend State Committee Meetings and communicate information to your Subordinate Health Chairperson

Health and Wellness Topics - Following are some suggestions to promote:

- Masks as required by your local community; keep one in the car
- Take a cooking class using $100 grant-see Education Aid
- Educate about Dementia and other illnesses.
- Suicide Prevention- 802-254-6590/802-273-8255.
- Opioid education
  - Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI) medication disposal bags
  - Local medicine disposal sites
- Discuss vaccines with your primary care provider.
  - Covid 19 - Get booster
  - TDaP – Importance of parents and grandparents to get Pertussis vaccine.
  - FLU
  - Shingles
  - Pneumonia
  - RSV
- Healthy snacks
- Washing hands and us
- Healthy Plate
  - Protein, dairy, fruits, veggies; portion size
  - 5 servings of fruit and vegetables per day
- Health eating habits
  - eat slower
  - eat breakfast
  - put fork down between bites
  - smaller fork/plates
- Move/exercise
  - 5,000 steps/day
  - Take the stairs.
  - Do not pick the closest parking place to your destination!
- Dehydration can cause:
  - dry skin/chapped lips
  - headaches
  - increase or decrease blood pressure.

- Time to drink water.
  - at bedtime and first thing in the morning
  - add citrus (lemon), kiwi, fruit to water
- Mental Wellbeing.
  - Check on your neighbor/senior citizen.
  - Be a good listener.
  - Depression, seek help.
  - Suicide prevention and resources.
  - Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255
  - Check in with people that live alone.
- Type 2 Diabetes/Hypertension
- Container or Raised Bed Gardening (work with Ag/Environment and/or Family Activities)

Mental Health – Website: Ruralminds.org

Growing Hope Together – The National Grange and Rural Minds Collaborate to Help Prevent Suicide in Rural America. National Grange and Rural Minds have joined forces and offer free Webinar to all. Go to the National Grange or **Rural Minds website for additional information**.

Emergency Car totes – Host an educational program (Summer & Winter)

Items may include flares, seat belt cutter, emergency blankets, vital info-name, address, brief medical history, flashlight and batteries. I keep mine under the front seat.

Monthly ideas for programs

- January - Blood donor month; Cervical cancer awareness month; Thyroid cancer month, 1/11 is National Milk Day
- February - National Heart Month (wear Red); Low vision month; Children's Dental month
- March - MS Awareness; Colorectal Cancer; Deaf History Month, Endometriosis Awareness; Nutrition
- April - Alcohol Awareness; IBS; Autism Awareness; Parkinson's Awareness, Stress Awareness Month
- May - Stroke Awareness; Arthritis Awareness; CF; Healthy Vision, Dental Care Month
- June - VT Dairy Month; Alzheimer's Awareness; Cataract Awareness; Scleroderma Awareness; Men's Health, Pride Month
- July - Healthy Vision; Juvenile Arthritis; Sarcoma Awareness, National Ice Cream Month, World Chocolate Day on 7/5
- August - Psoriasis; Lung Cancer Awareness, Eye Exam Month, Immunization Awareness Month
- September - Blood Cancer; Healthy Aging Month; AFib Awareness; Cholesterol Awareness; Ovarian Cancer; Prostate Cancer
- October - Breast Cancer Month; Down Syndrome Awareness; Mental Illness Month, 10/21 is Apple Day
- November - Diabetes Month; Bladder Health Month; COPD Awareness; Epilepsy Awareness; Pancreatic Cancer; Great American Smoke-Out Nov. 19
- December- Flu Vaccination week 12/6-12; Handwashing Awareness; AIDS day

Resources

- Contact www.CDC.gov for additional information and health-related ideas.
- www.UVM.edu/extension
- VT CRISIS TEXT LINE: text VT TO 741741
- VT Suicide Prevention Ctr at 802-254-6590
- VT Health.Org Health Awareness Calendar

HEALTH & WELLNESS
SUBORDINATE REPORT 2026-2027

Grange Name & Number _____

Chairperson _____

Please report on all activities related to this committee that your Grange has done.
Use additional pages when necessary and pictures!

Did you donate to your local Food Shelf? **YES / NO**

How much money? _____

How many pounds? _____ **or** items? _____

Did your Grange support a Food Shelf in some other way? If so, describe:

Did you write a Health resolution? **YES / NO**
• Please attach resolution to this report.

Did you report on Health topics at 6 meetings? **YES / NO**

Date of meeting List Topics

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Did you support a community meal (donating food or time)?
See Community Service Empty Plate Form **YES / NO**
Describe

Emergency Car totes – Host an educational program (Summer & Winter) **YES / NO**
Describe your event.

Informational meeting on opioid crisis (proper disposal of drugs) **YES / NO**
Describe

PLEASE provide documentation/photo to earn your points.

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Submit completed report in notebook	
20pts	Present a Health program	
20pts	Write a Health Resolution (attach copy to this report)	
20pts	Report at every meeting (see documentation)	
20pts	Invite Pomona Health and Wellness Chair to your Health Program	
20pts	Invite State Health and Wellness Director to your Health Program	
20pts	Visit another subordinate Grange- show evidence	
1 to 40pts	Donate to Food Shelf - Money or point per pound/item of food donated with max of 40 pts	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

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HEALTH & WELLNESS
POMONA REPORT 2026-2027

Name of Chairperson: _____

Pomona name: _____

Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.

How many Subordinate Granges in your Pomona? _____

Did you contact the Health Awareness Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about Health Awareness program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Health Awareness Chair did the program? Were you invited? Where did you go? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

Subordinate Grange Invite	Attended	Date	Activity

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A few sentences of what you reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date Topic

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PLEASE provide documentation/photo to earn your points.

POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Submit completed report in notebook	
30pts	Present a Health and Wellness program - Explain your program	
40pts	Contact Subordinate Health and Wellness Chairs – provide proof of contact with chairs (copy of letters, emails, etc.)	
20pts	For each Subordinate Grange visit in your Pomona	
20pts	Required 4 Meeting reports-explain each report in a few sentences (total pts.)	
20pts	Attending state committee meetings in person or via Zoom	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

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INFORMATION

Director: Lois Allen
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Information Chairmen are encouraged to promote the activities of their Granges and publicize the good works of members and the Grange. This not only means telling what we have done, but advertising events yet to happen. In cooperation with other Grange departments, produce posters and press releases for all events to increase public awareness of and attendance at Grange functions.

Take advantage of newspapers willing to publish articles about Grange events. Always include a contact name and phone number and make sure to address these five questions: ***WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHY***. When possible, take advantage of social media (Facebook, Twitter, State Grange Website, etc.) to inform others about our organization, its philosophy and activities, and to encourage their involvement.

National Grange Publications and Information

- Website
  - https://www.nationalgrange.org/
  - Create LOGIN and password to be able to enter the members web area.
- Social Media:
  - www.facebook.com/nationalgrange/
  - www.twitter.com/NationalGrange
- National Grange Newsletter - "**Grange Today!"**
  - Email information@nationalgrange.org to request emailed newsletter. This publication is forwarded to all on Lois Allen's e-mail contact list as well, so you can contact Lois to be added to the list if you wish.
- National Grange Magazine
  - Encourage members to subscribe to the **GOOD DAY**! magazine, a quarterly publication of the National Grange.
  - Email information@nationalgrange.org to order a subscription ($16)
- National Policy Updates and Issue News – "View from the Hill"
  - Email information@nationalgrange.org to request emailed updates

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- Email List - Email Lois Allen at **Email: DevilsSister1308@gmail.com** to be added to email list. Valuable and timely information can be delivered to your Inbox about Grange activities. If you do not have access to the internet, Lois also does a minimal amount of "snail mails". If you wish to be added to that list, please send contact information to the address above.
  - ***Deadline for submission is the 27th of each month (Except February. That one is the 25th)***
- Website is http://vtstategrange.org
  - This program book is on the website as well as information about the Grange Center and upcoming activities, calendar of Grange events, information about every Grange in Vermont, Check it out.
  - Link to submit pictures and information about your Grange to be posted on the website.

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- Social Media – Facebook. Search for:
    - Vermont State Grange
    - Vermont State Grange Youth
    - Vermont Grange Center
    - VT Grange Youth & Young at Heart
- Newsletter – *Green Mountain Granger*

Recommended Activities

Taking Pictures

Take pictures at an event that the Grange is involved in. It can be an event that is hosted jointly with another organization or just by the Grange. It can be a rummage sale, a supper, a legislative breakfast, or anything else that is a community event.

- Send the pictures to DevilsSister1308@gmail.com with information about the picture and event so it can be posted. If you can't email, mail a copy to director.
- The pictures must be from July 1st-June 30th of each year.
- ***Include a copy of all in the Information section of the report/scrapbook along with the Information Report form.***

Newspaper Article

Send a newspaper clipping of an event that your Grange has put on or participated in and your Grange is MENTIONED in the article. The article must be from July 1st- June 30th.

- ***To receive credit, include a copy of write up and pictures in the Information section of the scrapbook along with the Information Report.***

Green Mountain Granger

Send in an article for the Green Mountain Granger

- ***To receive credit, include a copy of write up and pictures in the Information section of the scrapbook along with the Information Report.***
- *Deadlines*
    - ***January 20th for February***
    - ***March 20th for April***
    - ***May 20th for June***
    - ***July 20th for August***
    - ***September 20th for October***
    - ***November 20th for December***

Send Info For The Website

E-mail the Webpage webmaster at **vtgrangewebsite@yahoo.com** or mail a picture of your Grange Hall and/or of Grangers at an event and contact information for your Grange to have posted on the website. This is so if someone is interested in becoming a member of your Grange (or renting your hall), they can contact you directly.

- If your Grange already has a page on our website, then send updated information and pictures.
- ***For Subordinate Granges: Include copy of write up and pictures in the Information section of the scrapbook along with the Information Report.***
- ***50 pts for information and 10 bonus points for extra pictures.***

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INFORMATION
SUBORDINATE GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Grange Name & Number _____

Chairperson _____

Please report on all activities related to this committee that your Grange has done.
Use additional pages when necessary and pictures!

Did you take pictures at an event your Grange was involved in and submit to website and attached to this report with a write up saying how many Grangers and non-Grangers attended and when it happened. **YES / NO**

You have attached a newspaper clipping of an event that your Grange has put on or participated in and is MENTIONED in the Article. **YES / NO**

Attached is a copy of your published article from the Green Mountain Granger. **YES / NO**

Your Grange sent in new or updated information for the Vermont State Grange Website. **YES / NO**

If your Grange has a web page or social media page, please provide address here.

How many months have you sent information to Lois to go on the monthly calendar?

Did you report on Information topics at 6 meetings? **YES / NO**

List Topics	Date of meeting
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Describe and attach any newspaper or other articles.

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIRMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Submitting Completed Report	
35pts	Taking Pictures and sending to State Grange website via email or to Information Director by mail	
35pts	Newspaper Article copy submitted with this report	
20pts	Green Mountain Granger article; copy with this report	
20pts	Does your Grange have a social media or web page?	
VARIES	Sending information to Lois to go on monthly calendar. 1 point per event submitted. **Lois will keep a record of your event submissions**	
50pts	Send information about subordinate Grange to State Grange website	
10pts	10 points for pictures of activities sent with the information to website	
20pts	Report at meetings (see documentation)	
20pts	Invite Pomona Information Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Invite State Information Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Visit another subordinate Grange- show evidence	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

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INFORMATION
POMONA GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Name of Chairperson: _____

Pomona name: _____

Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.

How many Subordinate Granges in your Pomona? _____

Did you contact the Information Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about Information program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona? Were you invited? Where did you go? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

Subordinate Grange Invite	Attended	Date	Activity

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A few sentences of what you reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date Topic

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PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Submitting Completed Report	
35pts	Taking Pictures and sending to State Grange website via email or to Information Director by mail	
35pts	Newspaper Article copy submitted with this report	
20pts	Green Mountain Granger article; copy with this report	
10pts	For each Subordinate Grange contacted in your Pomona	
20pts	For each Subordinate Grange visited in your Pomona	
20pts	Reporting at 4 Pomona Meetings	
20pts	Attending Vermont State committee meetings in person or via Zoom	
Varies	Sending information to Lois to go on monthly calendar. 1 point per event submitted. **Lois will keep a record of your event submissions**	
	Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here	

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

JUNIOR GRANGE

Director: Melody Falker **72 Alfred Buck Ln**
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- All applications must be received by the Director on or before the deadlines.
- **Junior and Youth Grange Camp: July 12-17, 2026 at the Vermont Grange Center, 308 West Street, Brookfield, VT**
- Due dates for all projects will be on June 30, 2027
  - All projects must have the following information attached
    - Name of Contest
    - Name of Applicant
    - Date of Birth
    - Mailing Address
    - Name and Number of Junior Grange or Subordinate if 1+ Member.
    - Digital submissions can be emailed to mfalker03@gmail.com
- The Age Groups for all contests are
  - 5-7
  - 8-10
  - 11-14

2026-2027 PROJECTS

State Contests

Salt Dough Creation

- Use salt dough to make a creation (sculpture, ornament, etc), and paint when dry.
- *Entries will be judged on creativity and quality of work.*
- Submission: Physical creation or photograph of the creation.

Decorated Mask

- Use paint, feathers, gems, or other craft materials to decorate a mask. Mask can be any style (masquerade, full face, etc.).
- *Entries will be judged on creativity and quality of work.*
- Submission: Physical mask or photograph of the mask.

Sign-a-Song

- Interpret a song of your choice using American Sign Language.
- Submission: Recording of the performance with the song audible in the video.

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National Contests

Sticker Design Project

- Create a sticker design in the shape of a star in honor of our nation's 250th. Sticker can be hand-made or digitally created.
- *Entries will be judged on creativity and quality of work.*
- ***Winning design will be sent to National Grange for judging. National Grange winner will be printed and distributed at National Convention.***
- Submission: Photograph of the design, or email a copy of digital designs to melody.falker.grange@gmail.com.

Wind Chime

- *Create a wind chime using primarily recycled materials.*
- *Entries will be judged on creativity and quality of work.*
- Submission: Physical wind chime or photograph of wind chime.

A full list of National Contests can be found on nationaljuniorgrange.org.

Membership in Junior Grange or 1+ Program

Any Subordinate Grange can have a Junior Grange Program with as little as one child age 5 to 14 years of age. This is the 1+ Program.
Process:

- The Junior Granger completes an application, submits it to a Subordinate Grange, and receives the Junior Grange Obligation from the President.
- At that point, the Junior member may participate in all contests and activities open to them.

As your Junior membership grows, make plans to charter a full Junior Grange in the future. All Junior Grange 1+ members will automatically become members in the newly chartered Junior Grange.

- Age requirements: Must be at least 5 years old, but not older than 14 years old o
- Membership ends when the Junior Granger turns 15 years old, at which point they are invited to join the Subordinate Grange.
- Where to join? - Applications can be submitted to any Junior or Subordinate Grange in your State
- Anything else? - Applications must be signed by a parent or guardian. Contact the Junior Director or Membership Director of that Grange for applications

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JUNIOR GRANGE
SUBORDINATE REPORT 2026-2027

Grange Name & Number _____

Junior Chairperson _____

Donations made:
ace checkmark)

Camp Supply Fund _____
Junior Camp Scholarship Fund _____
Contributions to Non-Grange
Junior-age groups (Please list) _____
_____
_____

Did your Grange have staff at Junior Camp? If yes, please list their name(s). **YES / NO**

What events has your Grange participated in involving people ages 5-14 years old?

Name and age of Junior members (Junior or 1+).

Did you report on Junior-related topics at 6 meetings?

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	Date of meeting	Topics
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PLEASE provide documentation/ photos to earn your points.

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT		Points Earned
40pts	Submitting Report	
80pts	Active Junior Grange or 1+ Members	
20pts	Report at meetings	
20pts	Invite Pomona Junior Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Invite Vermont State Junior Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Visit another Subordinate Grange	
80pts	Staff at Junior Camp	
DONATIONS		
40pts	Camp Supply Fund (food, art supplies, snacks, cash)	
20pts	Junior Camp Scholarship Fund	
20pts	Support or donate to a non-Grange Junior-age group or event	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

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JUNIOR GRANGE
POMONA REPORT 2026-2027

Pomona Grange Name & Number _____

Junior Chairperson _____

Donations made:
ace checkmark)

Camp Supply Fund _____
Junior Camp Scholarship Fund _____
Contributions to Non-Grange
Junior-age groups (Please list) _____
_____
_____

Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate Granges.

Did you contact the Junior Chair of each of your Subordinate Granges to offer to visit?

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona? List visits below and give brief descriptions of the activities.

Subordinate Grange Date Activity

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Did you report on Junior-related topics at 4 Pomona meetings? **YES / NO**

Date of meeting Topics

1.

2.

3.

4.

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT		Points Earned
40pts	Submitting Report	
40pts	Support or donate to a non-Grange Junior-age group or event	
20pts	For each Subordinate Grange contacted by your Pomona	
30pts	For each Subordinate Grange visited by your Pomona	
20pts	Junior Committee Reports at minimum of 4 Pomona Meetings	
40pts	Attending Vermont State committee meetings in person or via Zoom	
50pts	Invite State Junior Director to your Grange	
DONATIONS		
40pts	Camp Supply Fund (food, art supplies, snacks, cash)	
20pts	Junior Camp Scholarship Fund	
20pts	Support or donate to a non-Grange Junior-age group or event	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

LECTURER

Director: Alice Daley
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Contest year begins July 1st and ends June 30th. **All contests are due by noon Saturday of Family Camp.** The exception to this is the Photography Contest "Best of Show" which has to be at National Lecturer by June 30. **Junior entries will be judged at Junior Camp**. Non-members are welcomed to enter but must be sponsored by a Community Grange. By submitting any item to the Lecturers Contest, you give permission for their publication for use by Grange Lecturers in their programs or on the Vermont State website. **All entry forms are in this program book, please make copies as needed.** MEMBERS MAY ONLY ENTER 1 CATEGORY EACH YEAR (affiliate members can only enter 1 category-cant enter same short story in each Grange you belong to)

Deadline: To State Lecturer by Noon on Saturday of Family Camp.

Essay

Themes:

- An event that changed my life
- My Biggest Change
- What I have learned in the Grange
- My favorite kitchen utensil.
- Something I taught myself.
- Writers' choice

❖ **Rules:** Essay must be written by the person that submits it. You may enter only one essay per category. At least 2 full pages but not more than 3 pages, on 8½ "x 11" paper, double spaced. May be written on lined paper. Attach entry form to submission. Entries by non-Grangers need the Grange name & number of sponsoring Grange.

❖ **Judging Criteria:** Creativity, Composition, Subject matter

Short Story

Themes:

- What animals have taught me.
- The Worst thing I ever Made …
- My favorite season
- Writers' choice

❖ **Rules:** Short story must be written by the person that submits it. You may enter only one story per category. No more than 1½ pages on 8½" x 11" paper, double spaced. Entries may be hand-written on lined paper. Attach entry form to submission. Entries by non-Grangers need the Grange name and number of sponsoring Grange.

❖ **Judging Criteria:** Creativity, Composition, Subject matter

Poetry - Create a poem of your choice. It must be at least 3 lines

❖ **Rules:** Poem must be written by the person that submits it. You may enter only one poem. No more than 1 pages on 8½" x 11" paper, double spaced. Entries may be hand-written on lined paper. Attach entry form to submission. Entries by non-Grangers need the Grange name and number of sponsoring Grange.

❖ **Judging Criteria**: Creativity, Composition, Subject matter

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Create-a-Card

Categories:

- Handmade (drawn by hand or cut and pasted with materials found in the home rather than commercially prepared).
- Hand stamped.
- Computer generated.

- **Rules:** You pick the occasion for the card, no larger than 8½" x 5½", one card per category per person, must be made by person submitting card. Attach entry form with paperclip. Entries by non-Grangers need the Grange name and number of sponsoring Grange.
- **Judging Criteria:** Creativity, Composition, and Eye Appeal.

Craft - Use any material to make your craft.

Categories: Wreath for ANY Holiday Maximum size 18 inches

Suggestions: Winter Solstice, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, St. Patrick's or Valentine's Day

Categories: Button Project

12x12 or smaller, made with any buttons. If in a frame, no glass

- **Rules:** All work must be original of the person submitting it.
- **Judging Criteria:** Creativity, use of materials, themed for holiday.

Art categories

Categories:

- Acrylics
- Wood Burning/Wood carving
- Computer generated art (maximum size: 8 ½ X 11)
- Watercolors
- Multimedia Project (at least 3 or more mediums used, i.e. acrylics, paper, buttons, string, twigs, etc. on one entry)
- Make a picture using buttons

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- **Rules:** All work must be original of the person submitting it. All entries must be completed between July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Entries judged according to medium used. Size for artwork: not to exceed 20" x 24" including framing. No minimum size. All entries must be framed or have a firm backing. Entry form must be securely fastened to the right front of your entry.
- **Judging Criteria:** Originality, how well the artist used the medium selected, craftsmanship and skill, composition, presentation of subject, and theme and its treatment.

Photography

"BEST OF SHOW" will be sent on to the National Grange Photo contest in November 2024. Best of Show must be a Grange Member. The exception to this is the Photography Contest "Best of Show" which has to be at National Lecturer by June 30.

Categories:

- Snow Storm
- Caught in the Act
- Things in a Field
- Fences
- Clouds
- My Favorite

- **Rules:** Photo must be taken by person that submits it. Maximum size with matting 16" x 20". You may only enter one photograph per category. Participants may enter all categories using different photographs. Entries must be taken during the past Grange year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 when submitting for judging. No Photo editing. Photos must be framed using matting, backing (foam or corrugated cardboard), or frames with **no glass**. All photographs must have a caption on the entry form. Attach entry form on right front. Entries by non-Grangers need the sponsoring Grange name and number.
- **Judging Criteria:** Composition and arrangement, Interest, Presentation, and Technique

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Read a book

Read a book then answer questions below with no more than 300 words:

- Maximum 12 per person, or a combination of people submitting a total of 12 reports
- Describe in 2 or 3 small paragraphs why you enjoyed (or did not enjoy) this book.
- **Deadline:** Send your book reports by mail (anytime) to the State Lecturer or have them at the Grange Center by noon on Saturday of Family Camp.

Book Report

Report Number: ____

Mail to: Alice Daley, VSG Lecturer 22 Carmichael St. Apt 306, Essex Junction, VT 05452
or email adodds0322@gmail.com

Grange Name & Number _____

Grange Member's Name _____

Address_____

Title: _____Author: _____

Publisher: _____

General Theme (fiction/non-fiction): _____
Describe in 2 or 3 small paragraphs why you enjoyed (or did not enjoy) this book. (Continue on back if necessary):

National Grange Lecturer Programs

Visit Lecturer Contests - The National Grange

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Lecturer 2027 Entry Form Attach this form to the item entered.

Category/Division (i.e., Art—Acrylics): _____

Division: Circle One Ages: 5-13 Ages: 14-30 Ages: 31 and up

Name: _____

Mailing Address (Street, City)

_____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ TEL: _____

Grange Name & Number: _____

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Name: _____

Mailing Address (Street, City) _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ TEL: _____

Grange Name & Number: _____

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

LECTURER
SUBORDINATE GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Grange Name & Number: _____

Lecturer: _____

Please report all activities related to this committee that your Grange has done.
Use additional pages when necessary and pictures!

Did you or a member of your Grange attend?

- Vermont State Lecturers Workshop **YES / NO**
- State Organized Workshop **YES / NO**
- Northeastern Lecturers Conference**, June 2026** **YES / NO**
- Northeast Leader's Conference **YES / NO**

Number of people that entered the Lecturer's contest:

Short Story _____ Essays_____
Read-a-book _____ Create-a-Card_____
Photographs_____ Holiday Wreath_____
Art_____ National Quilt Block _____
Poem _____ Button Project _____

Number of meetings held in your Grange: _____ Number open to Public: _____

Did you submit a complete program and present it at
an open meeting that the public was invited to? **YES / NO**

- If yes, what was the theme or topic you presented at this meeting?

Number of Granges you visited: _____
Did you present a full or partial program? **YES / NO**

Explain at least two programs that you presented at your Grange or at another Community Grange..
Use extra pages as necessary.

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Explain one non-Grange community project that you participated in

What changes would you like to see to the Lecturers program?

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Completed report and put in Grange notebook	
30pts	Plan a program with the public/community in mind and present at an open meeting	
Assist or Attend or Participate In		
40pts	Lecturer attends State Lecturer Workshop or GRIT or Leaders	
20pts	Lecturer visits two other Granges in person or on Zoom (show proof)	
10pts each	For each Granger that enters the Lecturer's contest (10 points per entry or per member???)	
10pts	Read-a-book program- multiples of 12 reports	
20pts	Report at meetings (see documentation)	
20pts	Invite Pomona Lecturer to your Grange- show evidence	
20pts	Invite State Lecturer to your Grange- show evidence	
20pts	Visit another subordinate Grange - show evidence	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

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LECTURER
POMONA GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Name of Chairperson: _____

Pomona name: _____

Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.

How many Subordinate Granges in your Pomona? _____

Did you contact the Lecturer of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona? Were you invited? Where did you go? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

Subordinate Grange Invite	Attended	Date	Activity

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A few sentences of what your programs were at Pomona meetings even if you were not the presenter. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date Topic

1

2

3

4

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Completed report and put in Pomona Grange notebook	
30pts	Program presented at another Pomona Grange in person or on Zoom	
30pts	Plan and present a program at an open meeting with public/community present in person or on Zoom.	
20pts	Pomona - Create game for meeting	
Assist or Attend or Participate In		
40pts	State Lecturer Workshop or GRIT	
10pts	For each Subordinate Grange contacted in your Pomona-show evidence	
20pts	For each Subordinate Grange visited in your Pomona-show evidence	
20pts	Reporting programs presented at 4 Pomona Meetings -show evidence	
20pts	Attending Vermont State committee meetings in person or via Zoom	
10pts	For each Subordinate Grange that has entries in Lecturer Contests	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

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LEGISLATIVE

Director: Kathleen Paglia **1328 Rte. 100A,**
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The Granges should focus their Legislative endeavors on local government and issues. This will allow communities to see what Grangers are concerned within their communities. Programs to consider might be:

- Host a candidate night for local offices – be sure to invite ALL candidates.
- Sponsor school or town budget meeting review prior to Annual Meeting
- Hold a public meeting highlighting a community concern such as a discussion on zoning or community development plans.

These ideas are just a sample of how your Grange can **serve the future of your** community. By assisting local Boards and inviting local officials to your meetings, you can strengthen involvement in the community and in your Grange.

Duties of Subordinate/Community Legislative Chair

- ❖ Report at each Grange meeting on Legislative matters at local, county, state, and national levels
- ❖ Assist the Grange Members in writing resolutions
- ❖ Attend Pomona and State Workshops

Duties of Pomona Legislative Chair

- ❖ Pomona is the Legislative Leader for the Subordinate Granges and needs to reach out to those Granges to insure they are informed on Grange policy concerning legislative matters.
- ❖ Report at each Pomona meeting on Legislative matters at the county, state, and national levels
- ❖ Assist the Pomona members in writing resolutions (Host a Resolution Writing Workshop)

Legislative Event 2027 will be announced in the Green Mountain Granger • Each Subordinate and Pomona Grange should be represented at the event.

Resources

The National Grange website (www.nationalgrange.org) is a great source of National policy updates.

- ❖ Refer to it for monthly updates of National Policy.
  - ➢ Under Policy and Advocacy, you can find the history of the Grange and many of its Legislative policies.
- ❖ At Vermont Farm Bureau - Policy (vtfb.org) you can find Ag related legislation approved by Vermont Farm Bureau. You can sign up for their publication Vermont Farm Bureau - Under the Golden Dome (vtfb.org). “Under the Golden Dome”, is emailed weekly to subscribing members to keep Vermonters apprised of legislative developments at the Vermont Statehouse that affect agriculture.
- ❖ Vermont State Grange Legislative Policy Book – Updated each year after state session a copy is sent to each Grange and is available on the state website (www.vtstategrange.org). This covers all the current policies voted on by the delegates that are still current.

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Resolution Process

1. All Subordinate Granges will send a copy of any resolutions to their respective Pomona Secretary who will present it at the Pomona meeting. The Pomona Legislative Person should lead the discussion if possible.
2. The Secretary of the Subordinate Grange is responsible for sending their resolutions to the State Grange Secretary by the August 1st deadline.
3. Pomona resolutions must be sent to the State Secretary by the Pomona Secretary. All Subordinate Resolutions passed or changed (new approved sections or wording) by Pomona must be agreed upon by the Subordinate Grange who wrote the resolution.
4. Subordinate resolutions not supported by Pomona can be sent by the Subordinate Grange but must say not supported or acted upon by Pomona. In this way, Pomona can still assist Subordinate Granges with the resolution process and still have their own. They can send a joint resolution stating: 'offered by the Pomona and the original Subordinate Grange'.
5. The Pomona Legislative person will send information about resolutions (passed or not) to the State Legislative Director for information purposes in their report.

Writing a Grange Resolution[1]

The Title - The title should clearly state the issue to be addressed. Be clear about the topic, the more specific you are the easy it is to differentiate between resolutions on similar topics.

The Body - The body of the resolution is where you get to make your argument for why this resolution is necessary. This section does not become policy but explains to other Grangers why the issue is important and provides details, data, and other reference material so they can be better educated on voting for the issue. It is important to note that these should be rooted in facts and not based on the opinions of the writer.

The Conclusion - The conclusion must be a complete sentence which sums up what your resolution is trying to achieve and *can stand alone without any of the supporting information*.

RESOLVED that the National Grange support legislation that creates an autonomous U.S. Postal Service, which can set its own operating procedures and business model without the undue regulation of the federal government.

CELEBRATE AMERICA EVENT

Let's celebrate our country's birthday by remembering and sharing those things that have brought us the Legislative Process we have.

Ideas:

- Who can recite "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow : make it a game/contest in your Grange meeting, who remembers more than the first stanza?
- How many can recite the Preamble to the constitution? Do you sing it like we did as children to Schoolhouse Rock Saturday mornings?
- Have a viewing of the history and civics topics from "Schoolhouse Rock", invite some young people who've never experienced Bill singing "I'm just a Bill"

[1] From National Grange website on 5-30-2021; Writing a Grange Resolution - The National Grange; www.nationalgrange.org/writing-grange-resolution/

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LEGISLATIVE
SUBORDINATE GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Grange Name & Number _____

Legislative Chairperson _____

Please report all activities related to this committee that your Grange has done.
Use additional pages when necessary and pictures!

Did your Grange sponsor a Legislative meeting open to the public? **YES / NO**
If YES provide additional information below and attach any newspaper articles available.

Sponsor a Legislative Event or Forum in your Grange such as a Candidates Night, Town, or School Budget meeting. **YES / NO**

- If YES provide additional information below.

Did Host a community planning meeting, zoning, or community master plan or another Community-centered event? **YES / NO**

- If YES provide additional information below.

Did you invite a local official to a Grange meeting? **YES / NO**

- If YES provide additional information below

Attend State Grange Legislative Event? **YES / NO**
Attend National Grange Fly-in via Zoom or watch the recording. **YES / NO**
Please include a few statements about what you learned.

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Did you have a Junior/Youth make a poster on a topic or issue of interest to the Grange? **YES / NO**

- Describe or provide a picture.

Did you report on Legislative topics at 6 meetings? **YES / NO**

List Topics Date of meeting

1.

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3.

4.

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6.

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
20pts	Junior/Youth made a poster on a topic/issue of interest to the Grange?	
20pts	Grange sponsored a Legislative meeting open to public	
20pts	Sponsor a Legislative Event or Forum in your Grange such as a Candidates Night, Town or School Budget meeting.	
20pts	Host a community planning meeting, zoning, or community master plan or another Community-centered event.	
20pts	Submit a resolution	
20pts	Invite a local official to a Grange meeting	
20pts	Attend Legislative Event	
20pts	Attend National Legislative Grange Fly IN in-person or by ZOOM	
20pts	Report at meetings	
20pts	Invite Pomona Lecturer to your Grange	
20pts	Visit another subordinate Grange	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here		

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

LEGISLATIVE
POMONA GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Pomona Grange Name & Number _____

Chairperson _____

Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.

How many Subordinate Granges are in your Pomona? _____

Did you contact the Legislative Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about the Legislative program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Legislative Chair did the program? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

Subordinate Grange Invite	Attended	Date	Activity

A few sentences of what you reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date	Topic
1	
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Did you have a Legislative program for your Pomona. **YES or NO**
Please write a short paragraph outlining your topic and activities associated with it.

Did you submit at least one resolution to State Grange Secretary
by August 1, 2027 deadline? **YES or NO**

Attach copy.

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

	POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT	Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Legislative Report	
20pts	Points for each Subordinate Visit	
20pts	Submit a Resolution at Pomona level	
10pts	Reported at Pomona Meeting (minimum 4 meetings)	
20pts	Present a Legislative Program on a topic of interest	
30pts	Host a Resolution Writing Workshop for your Pomona	
20pts	Submit a resolution to State	
30pts	Contact all the Subordinate Grange Legislative Chairman in your Pomona via letter or email on a regular basis? Attach copies	
10pts	Invite Vermont State Legislative Director to your meeting	
20pts	Attend State Legislative Committee meeting (in-person or ZOOM)	
	Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here	

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MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP

Director: Joseph Goodrich **119 South St,**
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Membership should be a factor in all our activities with a goal of retaining current members and attracting new ones. Granges are encouraged to develop a special project (or several) for their program year that will be beneficial to their Grange, their community, and their current members. There are many resources available to you for help with gaining and keeping members.
If you have access to the web at home or the local library, there are many websites you can consult for information. Nationalgrange.org and vtstategrange.org are two of them as well as websites for other state Granges across the Unites States. On the National webpage are many downloadable files of information for many different projects as well as membership tools for gaining new members and keeping current members. Go to the Member's page and Login. In that section, you will find many articles about the Grange. If you do not have web access, there are several membership tools that could be useful, and they can be mailed to you. Write or call to request material.
The Vermont State Grange has a supply of Membership Applications for Subordinate and Junior Granges and Membership Packets. **The Membership packets should be requested from the current Membership Director when a new member is going to be admitted to the Grange. It contains the Fourth-Degree Pin, a number of flyers that explain the Grange and Grange symbolism, and other useful information about the Grange. There is no cost for these items**.
To stay abreast of activities for all Grange members:

- **Read the Green Mountain Granger** for ongoing/current news about Grange Activities, Grange Benefits, and Grange Opportunities.
- **Invite State Officers** to visit your Grange. You have a State Grange Deputy assigned to your Grange. They are always ready to help you learn and grow in the Grange.
- Any time you are out and about doing community service you are a representative of the Grange. Be proud of the excellent work you do and wear a Grange pin, hat, or shirt to show you are proud of the Grange.
- Do you want to do a Membership Drive? An Open House or an Open Meeting with information about your Grange? Prepare a booth for the Local Fair? These are all ways to build your Grange.

Member Benefits

The National Grange website and Good Day™ magazine are good resources for Member Benefits. A Membership Benefits brochure is no longer being printed as they outdate quickly.

National Grange and Vermont State Grange websites

National Grange Website: https://www.nationalgrange.org
Vermont State Grange Website: http://www.vtstategrange.org

- **Both of the above websites have resources you can use for informing members of upcoming activities and recruiting members.**

Why do People Join the Grange? [2]

Needs: Start by understanding why people sign their name on the dotted line and join organizations. It doesn't matter if you have membership fees or how much your dues are to most people. For a sizable portion of society, it isn't a concern if you have an initiation ceremony. What will matter to everyone is if your group **fills their needs**. All people have the same basic needs.

[2] http://www.grange.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Success-Leadership-IA.pdf; May 1, 2019

- Level 1: The basic or first level is the physical need for food, shelter, and clothing. Every human must fill this basic need for survival. We are very fortunate that in America these are relatively easy to fill.
- Level 2: The second level is the need for security. People want to feel safe, have an income, protect themselves for the future.
- Level 3: The third level is the need to be social. Belonging to a group that is accepting of you is important to everyone. Being a part of a group is critical to a healthy lifestyle. This level is where many people will join the Grange. How the Grange fills the need to be social is crucial to long-term success.
- Level 4: The fourth level is the need for approval. People need recognition, a sense of achievement or of status. Gaining the respect of your peers for your achievements or effort is significant for most people. The knowledge that you are making a valuable contribution to an individual, the Grange, or the community makes life much more special.
- Level 5: The fifth level is the need to be beneficent. This is where people have developed the confidence to be selfless in their actions. They don't need rewards or recognition in order to give purpose to their lives as they believe that their actions reflect their life.

Purpose: People often join the Grange for specific purposes. While some will join just because they are asked, most will want to know, "What's in it for me?" These purposes are part of their needs and will vary depending upon interests. The following interests are grouped in two areas, (1) Family and (2) Community.

(1) Family - The family group includes all the reasons that a person and their family may benefit from Grange membership.

- Material Benefits: The National Grange offers several benefits
- Education: The Grange is an educational opportunity.
- Fellowship: The Grange membership is an extended family
- Fun: There are many opportunities for fun activities in every Grange.
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- Community Service Projects: The projects that Granges take on range from small one day projects to massive multi-organizational endeavors
- Legislative Action: The Grange is a nonpartisan organization. This means that while we do not take a position on candidates for office, we do take positions on the issues. As a grass-roots organization, Grange policy is set by the local members and works its way up to the higher levels.

(2) Community - "The Grange Provides the Opportunity, The People Provide the Leadership, The Community Reaps the Benefit"

- Educational Community Service: Service to the Community is often done through education projects.
- Community Service Projects: The projects that Granges take on range from small one day projects to massive multi-organizational endeavors
- Legislative Action: The Grange is a nonpartisan organization. This means that while we do not take a position on candidates for office, we do take positions on the issues. As a grass-roots organization, Grange policy is set by the local members and works its way up to the higher levels.

Mission Statement

All Granges are encouraged to develop a mission statement. The National Mission Statement is: **The Grange strengthens individuals, families, and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness.**

A mission statement defines an organization's goals in two important ways:

- It defines what the organization does for its members.
- It defines what the organization does for non-members (our community)

Theme: CELEBRATING AMERICA

MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP
SUBORDINATE GRANGE REPORT 2025-2026

Grange Name & Number _____

Membership Chair _____
Number of Members as of July 1, 2026 _____
Number of Members as of June 30, 2027 _____
Increase in Membership for Grange was _____

Please report all activities related to this committee that your Grange has done.
Use additional pages when necessary and pictures!

Subordinate Membership Chairs

1. Recruit members for your Grange. What is your Grange doing that a prospective member would want to be a part of? Promote Family Activities and Lecturer's Contests and encourage Community Service. Be sure to advertise what your Grange is doing.
2. Consider starting a Junior 1+ Program. Juniors grow up and become subordinate members!
3. Get at least 3 members of your Grange to attend the Membership & Leadership meeting organized by the Pomona membership chair.
4. Spearhead the development of a Mission statement for your Community/Subordinate Grange.

Please list the name and address of all new members.

Please describe below and on the following pages what you did to **gain and retain** members, promote membership activities, and provide proof of completion of seal requirements.

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Did you report on Membership Recruitment, Grange Benefits, or other topics at 6 meetings? **YES / NO**

Date of meeting List Topics

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

Your Grange's Mission Statement

PLEASE provide documentation/photos to earn your points.

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
20pts	Vermont Farm Show Volunteer (4-hour shift) if held	
80pts	Gain in Membership	
50pts	Open House to showcase the Grange and its Activities	
50pts	Conduct an event to gain members	
20pts	Any new Member	
50pts	Prepare a Float for a Parade	
20pts	Information Booth at a Fair	
20pts	Subordinate Grange STARTS a new Junior Grange or 1+ Program	
20pts	Did your Subordinate Participate in a Degree Day, hold one of your own, or exemplify all four degrees in your Grange?	
10pts	Did your Subordinate exemplify any Degree at your Grange? 10 points for each degree exemplified during the Grange year.	
20pts	Invite Pomona Membership Chair to a meeting?	
20pts	Invite State Membership Director to a meeting?	
10pts	For each member attending a Grange sponsored leadership conference? (GRIT)	
10pts	For each Membership Matters ZOOM meeting – provide evidence with dates, etc.	
10pts	For each member attending a Pomona sponsored Membership/Leadership Meeting	
25pts	Created and submitted Mission Statement for your Grange	
	Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here	

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MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP
POMONA GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Pomona Grange Name & Number _____

Membership Chairperson _____
Number of Members as of July 1, 2026 _____
Number of Members as of June 30, 2027 _____
Increase in Membership for Grange was _____

Pomona Membership Chairs Duties

1. Contact your Community Grange Membership chair monthly.
    a. See if there is anything they need and communicate with them any updates on happenings within the Grange.
2. Recruit members for the Pomona. What is your Pomona doing that subordinate members would want to be a part of?
3. Plan a Membership & Leadership meeting in your Pomona area and the State Membership Chair will provide the program.
    a. Plan a 3-hour time slot. Could be in conjunction with a Pomona meeting as long as event will be over by 9 PM to allow director to get back home.
    b. Do not schedule from January through March because Vermont weather is too unpredictable!
    c. Advertise and get at least 3 Grange members from each subordinate/community Grange to attend.
4. Spearhead the development of a Mission statement for your Pomona Grange.
    a. Developing a mission statement will be discussed at the Membership & Leadership meeting.

Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.

How many Subordinate Granges are in your Pomona? _____

Did you have a Membership/Leadership program for your Pomona? YES or NO
Please write a short paragraph outlining your topic and activities associated with it.

Did you organize and present a Membership/Leadership Workshop
for all members in your Pomona and Subordinate to attend? YES or NO
Please describe your Membership/Leadership meeting.
How many members attended? _____ How many subordinates were represented? _____

Did you contact the Membership Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about Membership program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

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Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Membership Chair did the program?

Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

Subordinate Grange Invite Attended Date Activity

A few sentences of what you reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date Topic

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PLEASE provide documentation to earn your points.

POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
80pts	Gain in Membership	
20pts	Any new Member	
20pts	Information Booth at a Fair	
20pts	Sponsor a Degree Day with the first Four Degrees	
20pts	Pomona exemplifies the Fifth Degree	
40pts	Did Pomona organize and hold a Membership/Leadership Workshop?	
25pts	Did any member attend a State Grange sponsored leadership conference?	
10pts	Reported at Pomona Meeting (minimum 4 meetings)	
20pts	Present a Membership/Leadership Program	
10pts	Invite Pomona Membership Director to your meeting	
10pts	Invite Vermont State Membership Director to your meeting	
20pts	Attend State Membership/Leadership Committee meeting (in-person or ZOOM)	
25pts	Created and submitted Mission Statement for the Pomona Grange	
	Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here	

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YOUTH DEPARTMENT

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Youth Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Vermont State Grange Youth Department is to provide fun and educational activities that bring youth members together in a safe and open environment, and to promote Grange leadership opportunities, activities, and programs among youth members.

Recommended for Youth Chairs (Subordinate/Pomona) to Help Achieve Our Mission

- Attend planning meetings for State Youth Activities
- Assist at Youth Camp or the Northeast Youth Conference (when in Vermont)
- Encourage Youth to attend state events such as State Session, Family Camp & Fall Festival
- Read the Green Mountain Granger and this program info to keep informed.
- Encourage participation in Youth Contests, and other department contests.
- Hold a Youth program. Invite your Pomona Youth Chair, and the State Youth Director.
- Keep all Youth members informed of the upcoming activities.
- Pay attention to deadlines for contests, & registration deadlines for camps & conferences.
- Report Youth activities under Standing Committee Reports at each meeting.
- Read the Program Book
- Relay all youth-related correspondence to members.
- Inform members about Grange Scholarships & Grants
- Encourage donations to the VT Youth Leadership Fund
- Submit a list, including names, date of birth, office if applicable, email and address of all Youth Members (age 14 to 25) in your Grange to the State Youth Director (if no Youth send note stating, “No Youth at this time”).

Youth Delegate to State Session

One Youth member between the ages of 16-23 may be selected to serve as a non-voting delegate at the Annual State Convention. An application with at least two letters of recommendation must be submitted to the State Master by July 1, 2027. The Executive Committee will review all applications and decide by August 15th, 2027. Please contact the State Youth Director Jessica Falker at JJEM1999@yahoo.com or 802-417-7020 if you are interested.

National Grange Child Protection Policy

“Safe Gatherings” requirements must be met before working with minors under the age of 18 at all National Grange and Regional Grange events and activities. The Safe Gatherings requirements include background checks, reference checks, and trainings. More information can be found at SafeGatherings.com

The Vermont State Grange policy also requires that background checks be conducted for all Junior and Youth Leaders at the local and state level but does not specify which company must conduct the background checks. Money was allocated in this year’s State Grange budget to reimburse leaders for the Safe Gatherings program so that they have the opportunity to complete the trainings and may participate in National or Regional Junior and Youth events if the opportunity arises.

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Vermont State Grange "Letter to America" Contest

Deadline June 30th, 2027

Celebrate our country's 250th by writing a Letter to America (past, present, or future). All Grange Youth members (age 14-25) who submit their letter to the Vermont State Grange Youth Director by June 30th, 2027 will receive a prize! If the letter is received by September 1st, 2026 it will also be entered in the National Grange Creative Expressions contest.

Please send letters by email to JJEM1999@yahoo.com, or snail mail to Jessica Falker, 72 Alfred Buck Ln, Pittsford, VT 0576

National Grange Youth Programs, Awards & Contests

If you are interested in entering any of the National Grange Youth Programs, Awards, or Contests, please contact the State Youth Director Jessica Falker at JJEM1999@yahoo.com or 802-417-7020. Some of them need a referral from the State Youth Director. More information can be found on all the of the National Grange Youth Programs, Awards, and Contests at www.NationalGrangeYouth.org.

Sign a Song Contest – An opportunity for members of all ages to hone their sign language and showmanship skills in a contest format. Contestants may submit both an in-person and video entry. Deadline November 1st, 2026

Public Speaking Contest - Minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes on the topic of "America at 250: Honoring Our Past, Shaping Our Future Contestants may submit both an in-person and video entry. Deadline November 1st, 2026

Wib & June Justi Youth Community Service Award - This award honors youth members age 14-25 for their outstanding community service. Deadline September 1st, 2026

Junior Mentor Award - This award is designed to recognize the youth members age 14-25 that go above and beyond to guide and mentor Junior Grangers. Deadline September 1st, 2026

Creative Expressions Contest - celebrating America's 250th birthday. Any person age 14-25 can enter in the Visual Arts, Creative Writing, Interactive Celebration, and Media/Storytelling categories. Deadline September 1st, 2026

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SUBORDINATE GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Please complete this report even if your Grange has no Youth members.

Grange Name & Number: _____

Youth Chairperson: _____

Donations made (suggested donations are to the Vermont Youth Leadership Fund, and fruits/vegetables to Junior & Youth Camp):

Describe any Youth-Centered Programs, Projects, or Activities your Grange planned or participated in. Please include additional details on the following pages. Pictures are appreciated!

Did you report on Youth Events, Contests, etc. at 6 meetings? **YES / NO**

Date of meeting	Topics
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List any State, Regional, or National Grange events that a Youth member age 14-25 attended. Please include additional details on the following pages. Pictures are appreciated!

Grange Contests in which Youth Members age 14-25 participated – This may include Youth Department Contests as well as contests from other Departments such as Family Activities, Lecturer's, Fall Festival, etc.:

Did any member promote the Grange on social media? Please list platforms (Facebook, Instagram, etc.), and additional details on the following pages if necessary.

Please provide documentation to earn your points.

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
20pts	Donations Made (example: VT Youth Leadership Fund, fruits/vegetables to Junior & Youth Camp)	
20pts	Youth Centered Program, Project, or Activity	
20pts	Participation by Youth in Grange Contests	
20pts	Youth member attended State Session	
20pts	Youth member attended a National Grange event	
20pts	Any member attended a State or Regional Grange Youth Gathering	
20pts	Any member attended the Northeast Grange Youth Conference	
20pts	Any member promoted the Grange on social media	
20pts	Report at meetings	
20pts	Invite Pomona Youth Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Invite State Youth Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Visit another subordinate Grange	
50pts	Submit a list of Youth Members (14 to 25) including contact info with your annual report. If no Youth include note stating, "No Youth at this Time."	
Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal		

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POMONA GRANGE REPORT 2026-2027

Name of Chairperson: _____

Pomona name: _____

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How many Subordinate Granges in your Pomona? _____

Did you contact the Youth Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about Youth programs, offer assistance?

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Youth Chair did the program? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

Subordinate Grange Invite	Attended	Date	Activity

A few sentences of what was reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date	Topic
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Donations made (suggested donations are to the Vermont Youth Leadership Fund, and fruits/vegetables to Junior & Youth Camp):

Did any member promote the Grange on social media? Please list platforms (Facebook, Instagram, etc.), and additional details on the following pages if necessary.

Did your Pomona assist a Subordinate Grange with a Youth Centered Program, Project, or Activity? Please include details on the following pages if necessary. Pictures are appreciated!

Please provide documentation to earn your points.

POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Youth Report	
20pts	Donations (example: VT Youth Leadership Fund, fruits/vegetables to Junior & Youth Camp)	
20pts	Points for each Subordinate Visit	
20pts	Assisted a Subordinate Grange with a Youth Centered Program, Project, or Activity	
10pts	Reported at Pomona Meeting (minimum 4 meetings)	
20pts	Present a Youth Program on a topic of interest	
20pts	Invite Vermont State Youth Director to your meeting	
20pts	Any member promoted the Grange on social media	
50pts	Submit a list of Youth Members (14 to 25) including contact info with your annual report (if no Youth include note stating, “No Youth at this Time.”	
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